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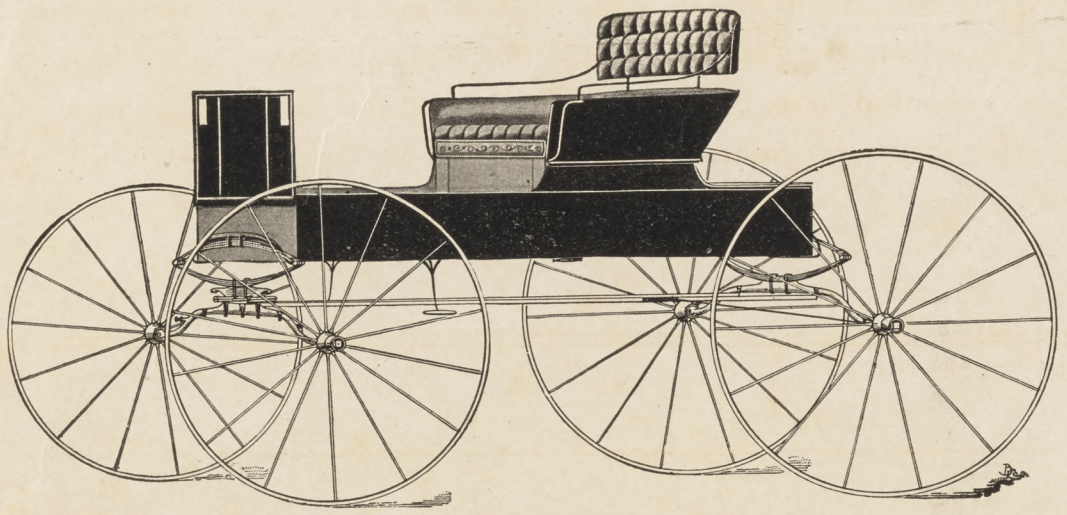

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THE TOWNSHIP REGISTER extends to the merchants and residents of Washington Township, and also the Board of Supervisors, the thanks due them for the assistance tendered us in issuing this Advancement Edition. We have endeavored to do this section justice, but find that the pen is not mighty enough. Washington Township and its advantages must be seen to be realized, and we cordially invite any who are outside of our limits to visit us at any time. We will be pleased to show you.

THE MANAGEMENT,
J. T. FONTE, *Editor.*

ORANGE GROVE IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP. Courtesy of Mr. Runckel

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

Washington Township is bounded on the north by Eden and Murray Townships, on the west by Murray, on the south by Santa Clara County, on the east by San Francisco Bay. The area of the Township is about one hundred square miles—68,066 acres. The total population of the Township at the last census was 8650, and the present census report will probably materially increase these figures. By virtue of dating its settlement from the founding of the Mission San Jose, it is the oldest township in this part of the country. All that part of Washington south of Alameda Creek was once a part of Santa Clara County, and Santa Clara was not especially pleased when so fair a portion of her domain was taken away to become a part of Alameda County. From Mission Peak, 2275 feet high, the land slopes to the marshes fronting the bay. Within its boundaries Alameda Creek flows from the mountains to the sea. The picturesque Alameda Canyon is within the township. This creek and canyon gave name to the County. In Warm Springs (Aguas Calientes) are mineral waters of great curative qualities. Old Mission Pass was the first road to the mines. Alvarado was the first county seat. It is one of the garden spots of the world. All fruits, grains and vegetables can be grown successfully and with profit. No portion of the State can boast of a more perfect climate, more fertile soil, or a more cloudless sky, of a more beautiful vista or a more prosperous community than this cloud-kissed, sea-washed Township lying between the mountain and the bay.

Washington Township is the home of the apricot and the cherry. Peaches, prunes, pears, wine grapes and all deciduous fruits thrive here. Oranges and lemons and all semi-tropical vegetation do equally as well as in southern California. In the past twenty-five years oranges and lemons have not been injured by frost. Flowers grow in great profusion out of doors all the year round.

NILES, THE RAILROAD CENTER

Palm Drive, California Nursery, Niles.

This town is of first importance as a railroad center. Both the Western Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads pass through Niles, the Southern Pacific going north and south, to and from San Francisco and through the San Joaquin and Livermore valleys, forming a junction here. It is a busy town, trains passing through every hour of the day and night, hauling their burden of passengers and freight connecting with the great transcontinental lines eastward.

Niles came into later day prominence with the coming of the old Central Pacific Railroad in 1869. Prior to that time it was known as Vallejo's Mills, and in the early days was the center of the most important industry in the County. As long ago as 1841 an adobe mill was built here by Don J. J. Vallejo, brother of General Vallejo, who brought the stones for grinding purposes from Spain, and the mill was well patronized. Later, in 1852, another mill was built on the old site, the ruins of which still remain to mark the place. Then business shifted and a period of depression set in, but revived when the railroad came through and opened up the country to the larger interests of the outside world. The railroad company re-christened the town, naming it Niles, after Judge Niles, one of the officials of the railroad. The town's modern business history dates from that time. With better transportation facilities, people came into the State in large numbers, and the future of the country was assured.

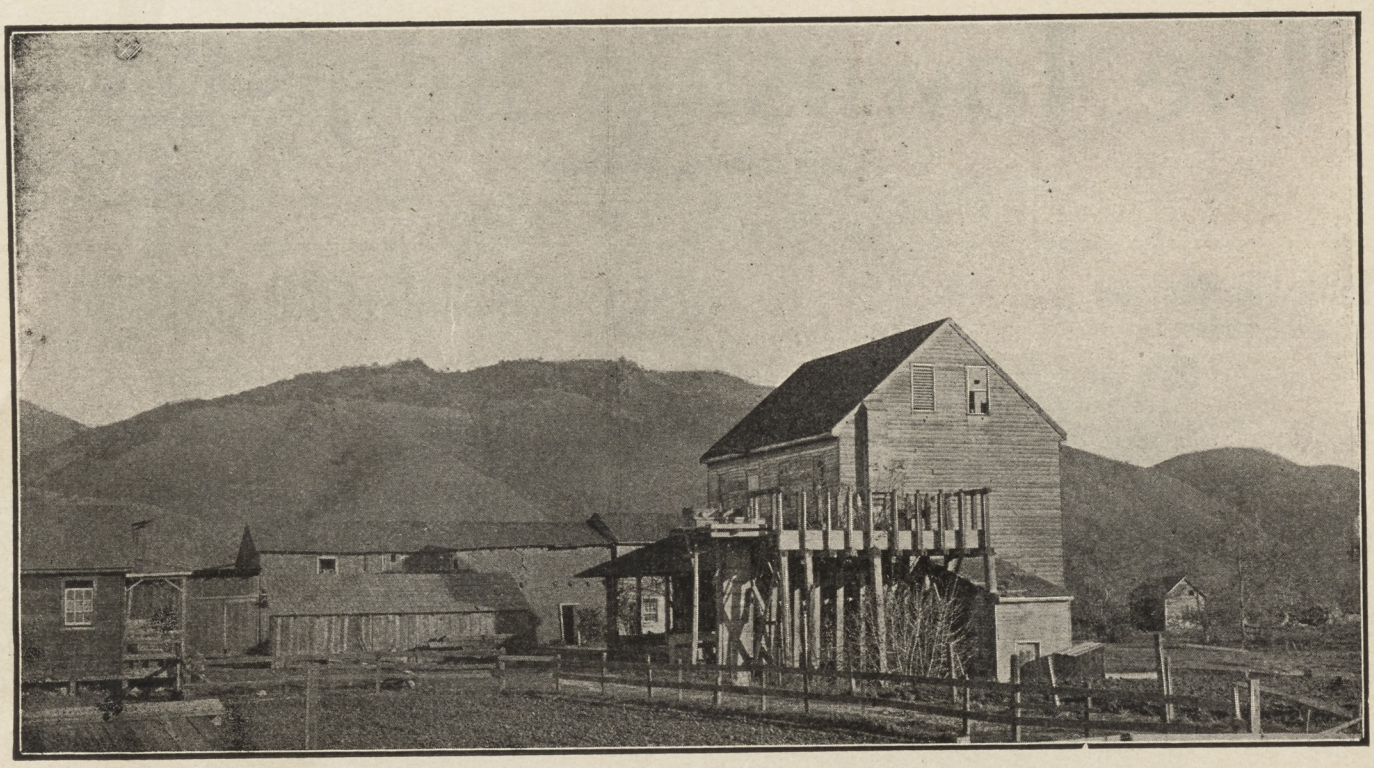
Niles has the advantage of location. It is beautifully situated, at the mouth of Alameda Canyon, through which flows Alameda Creek, and from which both the County and the canyon take their name—the most picturesque portion of Washington Township. From the steep hillsides, cultivated to the topmost crests, the land slopes to the land slopes to the level and the bay, and all is under perfect cultivation, not one square yard apparently neglected or uncultivated.

Orchards are everywhere, interspersed with fields of grain and the green of the alfalfa fields. Many kinds of vegetables are raised here, the industry being considered a very successful one because of the nearness to city markets. The fruit is largely cherries, prunes, apricots, pears, figs, and citrus fruits. Only a few apples and peaches are raised here. By reason of particularly favorable cliamtic conditions the fruit ripens early and the growers can take advantage of first market prices for their products. Later on come the walnut and almond crops, for which there is always a good demand.

The nursery business has always been one of the foremost industries of Washington Township, dating back to 1868. There are two prosperous nurseries near the town ofNiles, one of them being the largest nursery on the whole Pacific Coast, shipping their products to all parts of the civilized world.

The manufacturing interests are co-equal with the railroads in making Niles an industrial point. The Ames Pump Works and the California Pressed Brick Company each employ a large number of men. Niles has the only steam laundry in the Township. A new bakery is about to start, the ovens being already completed. There are planing and lumber mills, blacksmith shops and fruit dryers in the town. Several drygoods and grocery stores, drug stores, general merchandise and clothing stores are doing a good business in their respective lines.

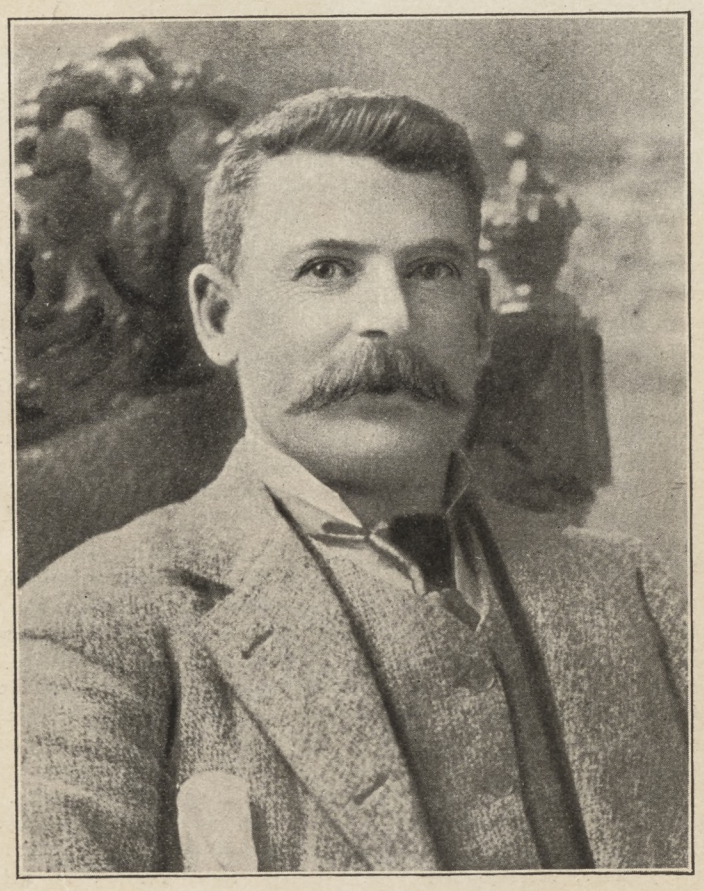
Niles has three excellent hotels. The Hotel Belvoir is located on the hillside a short distance from the center of the town, and caters to a high-class trade. It has especial attractions as a summer resort. The Niles Hotel, in the center of the town, is owned and conducted by M. J. Connors. He has an able assistant in his estimable wife, who personally supervises the cuisine and all domestic arrangements and is ever watchful for the comfort of guests. The Wesley Hotel is a very neat appearing house, in near proximity to the railroad depot. Three or four boarding houses provide for those who do not care for hotel life. Both the transient and the homeless can find very good accommodations in this town.



THE OLD MILL.

Niles can boast of a very fine little theater, in the brick block recently erected by M. J. Connors, costing $12,000, and it is the only theater in the Township. It has an up-to-date drop curtain and scenery. It seats 600 people. The chairs are removable, and the floor, of hard maple, can be used for dancing and other purposes. In connection with it is a banquet hall, fully equipped with a supply of dishes, tables, linen, chairs, and adjoining it is a handy little kitchen. The whole place is well lighted with electricity.

Niles has a Chamber of Commerce composed of men who never lose sight of the interests of the town and who are always in evidence when any question concerning the material welfare of the community arises. They have individually proved their faith in the industries of Niles as investments, and are keenly on the lookout to present to others the opportunities Niles offers as a manufacturing center. Any question relative to manufacturing sites and inducements can safely be intrusted to them, with the assurance that it will receive prompt attention. Members of the Niles Chamber of Commerce are: J. B. Barnard, president; E. A. Keintz, secretary; M. J. Connors, treasurer; J. P. Sullivan, J. A. Fane, J. C. Shinn, P. A. Ellis, F. E. Jones and E. N. Ellsworth.



J. B. BARNARD
A Niles Promoter and President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Niles is the immediate center of a fine farming country. Just across the bridge the sightly fruit ranch of the Ellsworths is the first to attract attention, its broad acres under high state of cultivation, the immense orchards of apricots, prunes and other fruits almost hiding the two houses from view. The beautiful home of O. C. Walpert stands on higher ground. That of J. C. Shinn is about two miles distant from the town of Niles, the road thereto and entrance to the grounds being bordered with fine old trees. The house is situated some distance from the roadway and is massed in foliage of vines and flowering shrubs. The Shinn family has been prominently identified with the County since its first settlement by the Americans. Mr. J. C. Shinn is one of the officers of the bank at Niles, and his name appears in every matter relative to Township improvement. His property, like others in the Township, consists of immense orchards and fields of grain land.

The present indications are that new manufacturing interests are looking toward Niles as a location where ideal conditions prevail for establishment of industries. No place can offer better inducements. Niles has every possible facility in the way of freight transportation at hand. Its two lines of transcontinental railway systems and nearness to water transportation make it an ideal shipping point, and its location in the midst of an agricultural and fruit country brings cost of living down to a minimum, and much below that of the large cities.

In addition the railroads are planning extensive improvements at Niles, straightening curves, building a new freight depot and putting in a new switch system. With the completion of Dumbarton Bridge and the new cross-country electric line, Niles is bound to come to the front, and big things are expected to come here.

Sooner or later the division of the County must take place, separating from Alameda County and forming a new county seat. Niles is the logical location for the new county seat, which will require large expenditures for courthouse, records and all the other paraphernalia of county government.

The Township sewer is only a matter of the future, and it must be settled very soon. Several canneries are waiting for action to be taken in order to make provision for starting operation in this section, in the immediate locality of the immense fruit farms and orchards.

Competent authority quotes the cheapest orchard land in this neighborhood at $500 per acre, and estimates run from that figure to $1000 per acre. Taking into consideration the enormous yield from the soil, the estimate is a fair one. All the land in this locality, from the hilltip to the bay, is under cultivation; if there are any uncultivated spots they are not sufficiently large to make a showing on the landscape. Town lots in Niles are held at from $20 to $50 per foot.

ANCIENT LANDMARK.

The Old Mill, an interesting ruin at the entrance of Alameda Canyon (Niles Glen) was built by I. I. Vallejo in 1853, and, excepting an adobe mill built by the Padres at the Mission, was the first flourmill built in the County. Motive power was furnished by the waters of Alameda Creek, conducted through a two-mile flume. The old mill is fast decaying. Bats and rats are the sole occupants of what was once a flourishing industrial institution of the early days.

CALIFORNIA NURSERY COMPANY.

If the man who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before is a benefactor to a community, what shall be said of the man or men who cause vast tracts of land to flourish in beauty of verdure, blossom and fruitage, and who distribute the result of this industry to individuals and communities far and near? Surely such men may be termed true benefactors of all mankind.

The grounds of the California Nursery Company of Niles are marvels of beauty. Imagine 600 acres of land under careful cultivation; great fields of flowers in bloom; acres of shrubs, vines, evergreen, ornamental and deciduous trees of every variety, size and condition of growth, and it gives but a feeble idea of what the eyes behold at sight of this paradise of verdure. Palm trees are everywhere—broad avenues of stately magnificence, and smaller growths even more graceful in their tropical beauty. Wax-leaved magnolias, whose creamy blossoms perfume the air with subtle frangrance, and roses—crimson, white, yellow, pink—all shades and all varieties, grow in abundant profusion wherever the eyes chance to turn.

The California Nursery Company is the oldest, largest and most complete nursery on the Pacific Coast. It was started in 1865, and incorporated in 1884. They ship their productions to every part of the world. It is one of the important industries in the township, employing 200 men. The nursery grounds present the appearance of a small settlement, many of the employes having homes there.

All fruit trees are grown on whole seedling roots. All apple trees and grape vines are fumigated with hydrocenic gas when dug; also the buds, scions and cuttings, prior to budding or grafting or planting out in nursery. This positively destroys any insect that may be on them. The company has a fumigating house with three compartments, which enables them to disinfect at any time, either fifty or ten thousand.

They have tested out, under California conditions, the most promising varieties of foreign fruits, and have in actual bearing on their own trees every variety they offer for sale.

The officers of the company are: Wm. J. Landers, president; H. W. Meek, vice-president; John H. Henn, secretary; Central Bank of Oakland, treasurer, and W. V. Eberly, manager,

FERNBROOK PARK.

At Farwell station, on the Southern Pacific railroad, about one and a half miles from Niles. lies Fernwood Park. It is a pleasure ground for rest and recreation, well patronized by the people of Washington and neighboring townships. It is a popular resort for railroad excursions from San Francisco, Oakland and other Bay towns. The establishment of this park is due to the enterprise and energy of "Johnnie" Barnard, who leased the land from the railroad company in 1901 and set about building driveways and paths, beautifying, improving and developing the grounds and making a park second to none anywhere in the country.

The park has the natural advantage of location and great scenic beauty. It consists of 145 acres, situated on Alameda Creek. On each side rise

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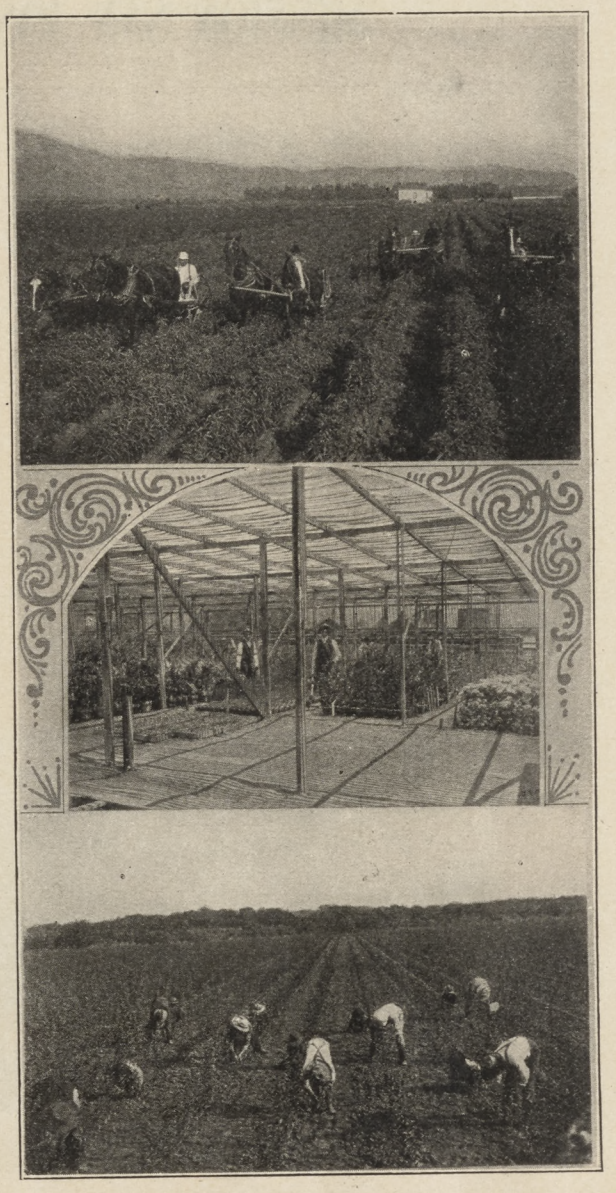

The California Nursery.

FERNBROOK PARK, NILES CANYON.

MISSION SAN JOSE---Old Land Marks

OLD MISSION.

In point of interest Washington Township has many advantages in combination of natural scenic beauty, modern utility, romance, and a touch of the mideaval as background for history. Fortunate indeed is that section of the State selected by the Padres as a location for one of the Missions that mark the pathway of the saintly Serraf. The Mission bells are silent, the Mission walls are crumbling into dust, brown-robed Padres and dusky nephytes alike are shadows of a vanished past, but the glamour of ancient and holy places rests on these old ruins, and a benediction of peace pervades the atmosphere of all.

Here in the Valle de San Jose, in 1897, was founded one of the earliest of the Mission pueblos. The history of Alameda County has its beginning in the history of Mission San Jose. In 1834 the Mexican Government passed the act of secularization of the Missions, resulting in the spoliation of Mission lands the dispersal of the missionaries and the Indian converts. The lands reverted, by various processes, to others.

Mission San Jose de Guadalupe, Mission San Jose.

The Arroyo del Alameda, consisting of four square leagues—705.38 acres—was granted to claimant Jose de Jesus Vallejo in August, 1842, by Juan B. Alvarado, then Governor of California. The United States patent dates from January 1, 1852. The towns of Niles and Decoto are within this grant.

Bitter disputes, claims, and counter claims fill pages of the history of this early land-grant litigation for possession of Mission lands. In 1867 the United States Government finally settled with claimants by granting patents to bone fide settlers. Mission San Jose, Newark and Centerville are located in these lands.

Those early Mission days furnish a fund of romance. Imagination pictures the life as large and idyllic. The Padres ruled over a kingly domain, but their subjects were Indians. The Mission system was patriarchal. Old-world customs and old-world ideas prevailed and were rigorously enforced. Hospitality was boundless; no stranger was denied shelter or turned from any Mission hungry. A system of industry was established and many of the crafts and some of the arts were cultivated. All the land was claimed by the Missions. By the white man's law they were the sole owners, and there was none to gainsay their claims.

Many theories are advanced to explain the downfall of the Missions; but no one generation of itself is wise enough to sit in judgment on a preceding generation or time. Each must abide by its own code, serve its own purpose, be judged by its own standards. When they blocked the wheels of progress they were crushed—as ruthlessly as they crushed those who preceded them, as those who despoiled the Missions were in turn forced to yield to demands for larger growth. It is the law of civilization. Communities and individuals must obey or give way.

Following the Missions the Mexicans became the feudal lords in the land, and their system of vassalage was a well defined one. For a time life was a dream. But the waste was enormous. Then came the American, who impressed another civilization on the land that had known only the leisurely customs of Spain.

For years the business and social activity of a community had centered about Mission San Jose, but somehow or other the town failed to keep pace with demands, fell behind in the race, and today it is as it is. It was not the fault of the town; rather of conditions that called business elsewhere. But an atmosphere of that past time still lingers there. It is a place hallowed by many memories and conveys a mute appeal for sympathy and tenderness. Some part of the old Mission buildings remain, and effort should be made to restore and preserve them.

Near the Mission is the old cemetery, resting place of those generations, where crumbling, moss-covered tombstones speak of desolation and decay. Many of the names graven there are written large in the annals of history; others, only the name on the stone to tell the passing stranger that such a one ever lived.

The Catholic Church holdings in the vicinity are valuable and well preserved. A bright new church, with a tall, pointed spire occupies the site of the old Mission church. The Dominican Sisters have a beautiful convent home in connection with the Josephineum Orphanage, and are doing noble work in caring for and educating young girls.

The Old Mission town is a sleepy little hamlet of about 800 souls, consisting of a few small stores, an A. O. U. W. Hall and some straggling houses along each side of a single street. But Mission San Jose is not dead; rather, it sleeps—the siesta hour of rest from toil and the heat of

Palm Drive, Lachman Grounds, Mission San Jose.

the midday sun. All the possibilities are there, and when the awakening comes the renewed high tide of life will rise and the Old Mission again respond to the demands of Progress. Eventually the railroad will reach this place, and its coming will create new impulse, a revival of business will follow, and Old Mission will be in line with the other towns of Washington Township.

Property values in the vicinity of Old Mission San Jose are high. The scenic beauty of the place defies description. It is the favored spot in all the township—a paradise of perfection. No greater praise can be awarded, for the whole township is a wonderland. This section of the country was in an advanced state of cultivation before the eighteenth century dawned—before the Middle West had even been explored. It is even older than the Declaration of Independence.

Enormous vineyards were set out by the Padres. It was a vine-clad land, a land of wine and fruit and honey. There were no fruit trees in the County prior to 1853, excepting those belonging to the Mission orchards. Some of the old trees are still standing.

The clime here is peculiarly adapted to the raising of fruits of all kinds. Within the influence of the thermal belt, damaging frosts are unknown here, and fruit ripens earlier than elsewhere. There is an abundance of water. The soil, adobe, with substratum of gravel, provides natural drainage for the land.

There are many magnificent homes in the vicinity of Mission San Jose—quite equal to the baronial estates of England, with parks, miles of driveways and avenues of stately old trees. The public highways are well bordered with trees, immense palms prevailing in number and rareness of beauty. The roads, as all the roads in the Township, are perfect.

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The climate of any part of Washington Township is particularly adapted for the modern outdoor treatment and recuperation of convalescents.

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Hill land is worth from $150 to $350 an acre in Washington Township.

PALMDALE, HENRY LACHMAN'S HOME.

To adequately describe Palmdale, the magnificent home of Mr. Henry Lachman at Mission San Jose, would require an exhaustless supply of adjectives. To find comparisons for it would require an intimate acquaintance with the estates of royalty and nobility of the Old World, where rigid laws of entailed succession safeguard land properties and prohibit any despoliation. Few places in this country can be compared with it. We have not, as yet, established the system that makes for protection of property or that interferes with individual right to the misuse of property purchased with money. Thus the improvements of one generation can be ruthlessly destroyed by the succeeding generation. Such places are Palmdale are object lessons of what can be done in the way of beautifying and embellishing natural conditions, and the bountiful measure of return made for care, cultivation and protection.

View of Lachman Grounds, Mission San Jose, Showing Tropical Growth and Foliage.

True it is that Palmdale has the advantage in having once formed a part of old San Jose Mission ground. Wherever those old Franciscan friars builded and planted, into the soil, into the atmosphere, into the surroundings was planted that which cannot be purchased with all the wealth of the world, and something that can never be uprooted and destroyed. It is like the scent of some rare perfume from a vanished flower, and it lingers lovingly and gives destinction to these old places, classifying them apart from all others.

In the distribution of Mission lands, Governor Pio Pico granted to Andreas Pico and Juan B. Alvarado 30,000 acres of Mission San Jose, the choicest land in all the fertile valley. For many years it had been under cultivation, and its famous orchards and vineyards had yielded abundantly. A large portion of the land remained in the possession of descendants of the early Spanish families, and the work of the Padres was to a large extent preserved. Thus, fortunately, it passed into the possession of Mr. Lachman still pregnant with all the possibilities which his time, taste and inclination have permitted him to develop and improve, until he has made of it a country seat unequaled in all this broad land and second to none anywhere in the world.

Palmdale consists of forty-seven acres of land, eight acres of which is devoted to park and lawn, and the remainder to vineyards and orchards of figs, olive, orange, almond and walnut. It is a forest of blossoming trees, a paradise of perpetual verdure. Some of the almond and pear trees were brought from Spain over a hundred years ago and planted by the Padres in the Mission or-

Swimming Tank, Lachman Home, Mission San Jose.

chard, where they blossomed and bore fruit in the Mission days. All kinds of small fruits, grain and vegetables are raised here. The land is under a high state of cultivation. In the park all trees indigenous to California, and many foreign species, are represented, and a profusion of flowers and shrube are in perpetual bloom.

View of Section of Lachman Grounds, Mission San Jose.
The Grandest Home in the World.

Two miles of paths and driveways intersect the grounds, winding through long avenues of palms, solemn, stately and grand as a recessional in some gloomy old-world cathedral, their tufted tops towering high above all other trees. Here is the Royal Palm, sixty feet in height, "the father of California palms,' planted by the Padres in 1789; immense walnut trees with a spread of over eighty feet; giant weeping willows forty years old, and the largest pepper tree known to horticulturists. Magnificent! Wonderful! Grand! Language cannot picture it. Only the eye may see that the mind may realize, and only the soul may feel the beauty of the place.

Mr. Lachman has a perfect water system here at Palmdale, Twin Lakes, Mission Creek and the watersheds furnishing an inexhaustible supply for all purposes. There is a bathhouse, swimming pool, boats for aquatic amusement, an aqueduct and a natural stream flowing through the grounds. From fountains the water spouts and is tossed high into the air, falling into pools with the soothing music of raindrops and of mountain brooks singing a lullaby. The fountain visible from the public highway is particularly noticeable on account of its excellent taste of design and exquisite simplicity—a rare sight in a land where the ornate, nondescript and atrociously ugly things called fountains are too often seen. All that wealth, artistic landscape designing and the ingenuity of man can accomplish has been brought to bear to make of this place what it is.

Palmdale has more than local fame. Mr. Lachman generously permits public inspection of his grounds, and visitors from all parts of the world have expressed delight and pronounced it beyond compare. Many famous names are registered on the record, and correspondents from foreign countries remember with pleasure their visit to this superb country home.

The owner of Palmdale is known as a liberal entertainer, and his hospitable home is a popular place where large parties of his friends gather for week-end visits and enjoy the beautiful home surroundings where nature and art combined contribute all that is necessary for perfect recreation and relaxation.

Mission San Jose is fortunate in having Mr. Lackman as a resident of the town. He was formerly a well known dealer in California wines in San Francisco, but having retired from active business, devotes himself exclusively to supervising the affairs of his estate. He is a member of the local chamber of commerce and interests himself in everything concerned with promoting and developing the resources of Mission San Jose. He has a reputation as "a man who does things," and with a few such man at the helm the future prosperity of Mission San Jose is beyond question or doubt.

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Washington Township is the home of many of San Francisco's prominent merchants and professional men, whose children attend the County schools and are growing up to manhood and womanhood with all the benefits of a healful outdoor life and influences of environment that cannot possibly be obtained in the big city across the bay. Hundreds of mechanics and workingmen own their own homes and journey across the bay each day to their labors. Their children also attend the public schools and enjoy the same privileges.

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The rapid development of transportation facilities, splendidly macadamized roads, superior climate, splendid building sites, fertile soil, good drainage, excellent social and educational advantages, are attracting to Niles a rapidly growing throng of commuters from both San Francisco and Oakland.

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Competent instructors are always employed in Washington Township schools and roomy schoolhouses are scattered thruout the district.

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The soil of Washington Township produces the finest fruits and vegetables of any in the West.

View of Section of the Lachman Grounds, showing Rustic Bridge and Stream

ALVARADO---The First County Seat of Alameda County

The town of Alvarado has figured largely in the history of not only Washington Township, but of Alameda County and this whole section of the State. It was embarcadero or seaport landing for Mission San Jose, and has known all the varying phases of life in the development and settlement of this part of the country.

Its history as a town began with the settlement of mission lands, and the name Alvarado was that of one of the early Mexican territorial governors, Juan B. Alvarado, of California. It is located on that part of the old Rancho Portrero de los Cerritos, and the names Union City and New Haven have been associated with it, but Alvarado has outlasted them both.

Alvarado has the distinction of having been the first county seat of Alameda County, where justice was peacefully dispensed for a year or more, and then gravitated to San Leandro, and between the two towns until it settled comfortably at Oakland.

Alvarado Street Scene.

The beet sugar industry has been a source of profit to the agricultural community in proximity to the sugar factories at Alvarado. Vast tracts of land are given over to the cultivation of the sugar beet. The land hereabouts is peculiarly prolific and enables the rancher to raise two crops, the beet sugar crop following the tomato crop, which is also remunerative, the numerous canneries in operation in the County taking the greater portion of the supply.

Probably nowhere in the United States can be found soil so rich and productive as that bordering along the bank of Alameda Creek. All thru the Alvarado district, when the high tides prevail in the bay the water of the creek back up and overflow the land, and, receding, leave a rich deposit which fertilizes the soil, much as the inundations of the River Nile make fertile the soil of Egypt. It is a great vegetable country, supplying the markets of San Francisco and Oakland with the earliest vegetables, the farmers receiving the best of prices for their produce.

The company owning the beet sugar factory at Alvarado was organized in 1869. It starts operation in the middle of August and continues for 115 days. From 70,000 tons of beets is produced 9000 tons of sugar. There is no waste refuse in beet sugar making. The pulp is sold to the dairies at fifty cents per ton. A by-product of lime is disposed of in Bakersfield. The factory manufactures molasess all the year round.

Several large dairy farms are conducted in the neighborhood of the sugar factories, sending most of the milk to San Francisco.

THE BANK OF ALVARADO.

The Bank of Alvarado was established on February 22, 1902, in the town of Alvarado, under a management that has seen little change to the present date. The capital stock at that time was $25,000. Today this stock is $100,000, and the deposits, which stood at the figure of $354,067.07 at the close of business on December 31, 1909, have increased nearly $50,000 to date.

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the 1000 shares of stock representing the Alvarado Bank met and, with all the shares represented, unanimously voted to increase the capital stock of the concern from $25,000 to $100,000. This action shows the faith of the stockholders in the board of directors and officers, who are as follows: August May, president and manager; D. F. Wiegman, vice-president; E. H. Stevenson, secretary; J. R. Blacow, cashier. Directors, August May, D. F. Wiegman, E. H. Stevenson, J. R. Blacow, F. B. Granger, Henry H. Patterson, George Althauser.

The Bank of Alvarado handles the funds for the pay rolls of the large enterprises in that vicinity, and Mr. August May, the president and manager, is known in banking and financial circles all over the Pacific Coast as one of the most capable and conservative of men.

J. R. Blacow, the cashier, is a man who holds the respect of every citizen of Washington Township. He comes in contact with many of the business men daily, and his opinion on investments and values is always sought.

The Bank of Alvarado is to establish a branch bank at Irvington in the near future, and a splendid building to house the institution is now under construction at that town. The management will be the same as the Bank of Alvarado.

HOTEL CHANTECLER.

The firm of Herme & Haiden, at Alvarado, is going to make a name for itself with the quality and service at Hotel Chantecler. Mr. Herme left York two years ago and has covered California, searching for a suitable place in which to open up a high class hotel and cafe. Two months ago he reached Alvarado, and immediately made up his mind that that was the place to establish. He immediately formed a partnership with Mr. G. Haiden, and they renovated and furnished a hotel and cafe.

There are two dining rooms, and special attention is paid to automobile parties. Squabs, frogs' legs and all delicacies of the season are always on hand. A telephone message to Main 13, Alvarado, will have things all ready when you arrive. A specialty is made of meals at all hours, and a garage and parlor is at your disposal.

HUNTERS AND FISHERS' RESORT.

Hotel Alvarado is under the management of Robert Adair, but it is not necessary ot tell the sportsmen of Alameda County of this fact. The shooting preserves and fish runs are too well known to them. Also, many a barbecue has acquainted the city and country folks with the genial Bob.

If you want to drop into a real family reception and a square meal or a good drink, visit the Alvarado Hotel.

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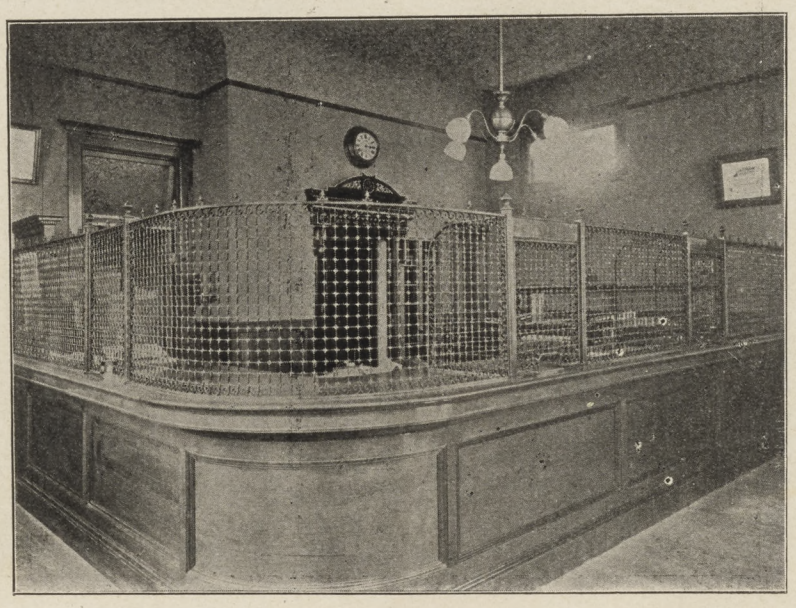

Interior View of Bank of Alvarado.

CENTERVILLE---Hub of the Section

As the name indicates, Centerville is geographically about the center of Washington Township. In the early days the settlement was founded at the crossing of numerous trails leading in most direct route to other settlements and villages in the vicinity. The highways followed the outline of the old trails, and today Centerville is about equidistant from all the other towns and villages in this section of the County.

Of the towns in Washington Township, Centreville is second only to Niles in population. The latest estimated number given is 1425, which the present census returns will alter very little, if at all.

Centerville is the center of a farming community. All around the town are the farms and orchards that make prosperity for the people. The interests of the town are all connected with the land. Large quantities of apricots and cherries are grown and many almonds raised here. Grain and sugar beets are the principle field crops. The town is a fruit shipping point on the Southern Pacific Railway, and an up-to-date depot has recently been erected by that company, costing $50,000. With the completion of Dumbarton bridge Centerville will be on the overland line of railroad travel.

The town is beautifully located. Nature has been extremely partial to this whole section of the country, leaving very little to be desired; nothing to be changed. It is picturesquely perfect. Always for a background are the hills, with Mission Peak towering above them—sometimes green with springtime verdure; sometimes gold and brown under the summer sun and ripening grain. But whatsoever the color, they form a harmonious setting for the long level stretch of well tilled land, for the orchards burdened with fruit, and the peaceful homes and villages of a happy, contented people. The rising ground and the low hillside affords a view of San Francisco Bay, shimmering and deeply blue in the sunshine, or like a lake of molten silver when the mists and the twilight cast a veil over the landscape. And these are unchangeable. Thus it was ere the white man set his foot on the land; thus it will be when the children's children of the present generation look out upon it. Man has wrought the changes. Man builds his cities and his towns and changes the face of the landscape. He connects them with roads of steel and iron in his pursuit of industry and trade. He beautifies and he decorates that which in itself is perfection.

When any location in the township is no nearly ideally perfect it can hardly be said that one town has much advantage over another in point of surroundings and scenery. Then it logically follows that whatever difference appears must be entirely due to the character of the people who have built the town and who are responsible for its welfare. Judging by such a standard, Centerville is well up on the list, and great credit is due the citizens of the place who have made it what it is.

Centerville is especially noticeable for its perfect cleanliness, well built stores, comfortable residences and the tree-bordered streets. Washington Township is large-minded in claiming the most perfectly built and best maintained roads in the whole State, and the claim is well fortified in the appearance of the roads about Centreville. Some suggestion has been made that this exceptional condition may have something to do with the fact that Centerville is the home of that popular Supervisor, C. F. Horner, now serving his third term, and who is ever mindful of the needs of his constituents and always wideawake to their interests. The right man in the right place—a son of one of the earliest settlers in the County, and a name identified with the live issues of the community since the beginning.

Centerville is also the home of John G. Mattos, Jr., Appraiser of the Port of San Francisco, a very popular citizen, vice-president of Centerville Bank and a high-up in the U. P. C. lodge. F. T. Hawes, postmaster, president of the Centerville Improvement Association, has large business interests in the town and is active in all matters pertaining to its progress. Indeed, the town has many residents who can be classed under the head of distinguished citizens of the Township.

Centerville's business interests are varied and many, suitable to the needs of the community. The store windows present quite as attractive an appearance in decorations and display as the stores of the larger cities of the County. Everything necessary for comfort and convenience can be purchased in the home town stores. There is one good hotel in the town and another first-class hotel is planned, to be built by town capital and to cost not less than $12,000.

Street Scene at Centerville.

The Centerville bank was established in 1905, with a capital stock of $35,000. The institution has received the encouragement and support of home people, and the deposits amount to $346,000. Offices of the bank are: John G. Mattos, Jr., president; Joseph Dias, vice-president; F. T. Dusterberry, cashier. The bank is well located in a comfortable brick building on the main street of the town.

The Centerville Improvement Association, as its name implies, is an organization for the promotion of the business interests of the town. The seventy members of the association are all active bsuiness men, keenly interested in the welfare of the town and fully alive to the needs of the community. All enterprises pertaining to business interests and material benefit of the people are carefully considered and practical assistance may be depended upon whenever the interests demand such for teh general welfare of the town. Anything coming undr the head of publicity promotion receives their prompt attention. Officers of the association: F. T. Hawes, president; George Joseph, vice-president; W. R. Smith, secretary; F. T. Dusterberry, treasurer.

The Union High School is located at Centerville. About 105 students are in regular attendance, coming from all parts of the Township. The faculty consists of six teachers. The High School is a very handsome building, and the property is valued at $15,000.

The first public school in the County was established in Centerville in 1850. The present public school has a yearly attendance of over three hundred pupils. The building is noticeable for the beautiful trees surrounding and grounds equipped for basketball and athletic amusements and recreation of the students.

The Presbyterian, Episcopal and Catholic denominations are represented here. The Catholic Church is a conspicuous building in the center of the town. The remarkable beauty of architectural design and dominant location make it particularly noticeable.

All the prominent fraternal socicties are represented. The Masons are contemplating the erection of a new concrete building on the site of the building now occupied by them for lodge purposes. They aim to make it one of the finest buildings of its kind in the County.

The people of Centerville are fortunate in having a perfect water system and an abundant supply of purest water, which is taken from wells at a depth of seventy feet. There is a volunteer fire department, which renders good service whenever the need arises.

Many new business buildings and handsome residences have been added to the town in the past year. Several are in process of construction or anticipated in the near future.

The possibilities for future development of this charming town are beyond any reasonable prediction. Centerville is situated midway between Oakland and San Jose, directly on the great overland railroad systems, and it offers many attractive opportunities for profitable investment. Some important new additions are under consideration for the near future, among others, that of Hunt

Brothers Company of San Francisco, which contemplates building a cannery here on a 500-acre tract of land recently purchased by them for that prupose, but depending somewhat upon the building of the new Township sewer, in which other towns of Washington Township have an equal interest.

ANOTHER ROADHOUSE.

Mark Owens is known to nearly everyone in Washington Township, and to many another man outside, who when traveling along the beautiful roads of Washington Township has passed thru Alvarado and sought refreshments.

Mr. Owens not only will wine and dine you, but will entertain you with a look at one of the most complete cabinets of curios outside of San Francisco. He has a collection of old arms and curios and minerals, some of which are the finest specimens to be had, and many old relics whose history it pleases the genial proprietor to tell to entertain the guest during his hour of rest. Call on Mark Owens and make yourself at home.

The dairying interests in the vicinity of Alvarado do a business of over $11,000 a month thru the Bank of Alvarado. This is a splendid method of judging how this industry is growing in Washington Township.

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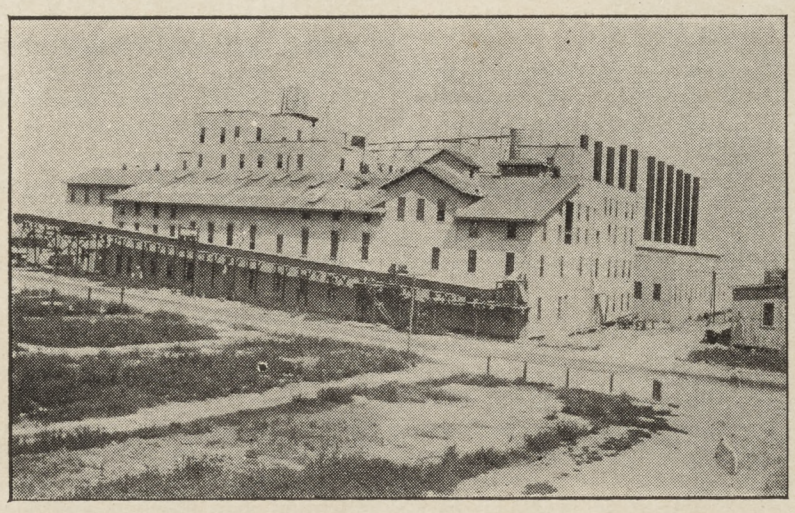

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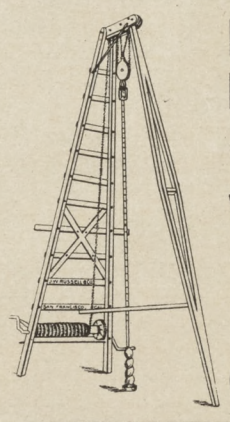

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DAIRYING IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

One of the most valuable industries of Washington Township has been given little consideration by those who are interested in the advancement of all parts of Alameda County. We refer to the dairy industry. From Decoto to Alvarado and Newark will be found several large concerns. The wild grasses and sweet scented herbs that also spring up and cover the uncultivated lands with a carpet of green furnish rich grazing and give to the product of this section a delicacy of flavor that is not excelled. The dairymen have learned that breeding counts, and the best strains are to be found among the herds. Holsteins, Jerseys and Durhams, with long pedigrees as

The milk is shipped to Oakland and Alameda in its natural state, and the quality of the output can well be judged when such men as Jackson and Grainger are interested in dairying.

The climatic conditions and character of the land are peculiarly suited to the dairying industry. The moisture allows large crops of volunteer as well as sown feed to follow in quick rotation. Many places cut the alfalfa the year round. milkers of qaulity, have already been introduced, and the man with a strain that holds records is always a welcome visitor to these up-to-date dairymen.

The Jackson-Grainger Dairy is a particularly modern one. These gentlemen milk about 250 cows, and ship their product by the way of Decoto to Oakland. The inspector says that this dairy is the most sanitary and one of the best-kept in the County. Over 300 acres of land is used in caring for the milk-givers, and the stables have cement floors and are splendidly drained.

Mr. Jackson is well known to every business man in his line as an honorable and capable gentleman. He gives personal supervision to the dairy and, with his family, is comfortably housed near the buildings. His men all know that his watchful eye is on the lookout and that he believes that cleanliness is next to godliness.

Mr. Farley Grainger, the other member of the firm, is also a man whose interests lie wholly in Washington Township. He is a fraternity man of prominence and is also roadmaster of the district, under Supervisor Horner. He is also a director of the Alvarado Bank.

The Jackson-Grainger Dairy employs many men. They raise a great deal of their own feed and do business with their neighbors.

A. A. Rogers

Candidate for the Assembly, Forty-sixth District

Subject to the Decision of the Republican Voters.

Mr. A. A. Rogers, the subject of this sketch, is a live man, and bids fair to get the support of his constituents.

Mr. Rogers has always been a Republican and will be the representative of the party in the coming contest. He is, in a special manner, the candidate of the devoted members of the party and of those who are in favor of good government, for the reason that he believes and knows that good government can be secured only thru the passage of good and honest laws.

He knows that when an officeholder wants to defy the wishes of the people for the sake of enriching himself, he takes shelter behind an ambiguous or faulty enactment of the legislature which must be enforced until it is repealed at the next session.

Many of the laws which are now on the statute books are laws which should not have passed the legislature, but, in view of the fact that most of the legislators voting for them did not know whether or not the bills were practical or legal, the measures became laws, greatly to the dissatisfaction of the people, who daily discover the injuries which their enforcement inflicts. Mr. Rogers is a lawyer. He is connected with the District Attorney's office, in which he has distinguished himself in a very convincing manner, and he will be well equipped, both mentally and by training, to determine what kind of legislation the honest and practical people of this County desire.

Mr. Rogers was born in San Leandro, in this County, on August 16, 1875. On the same day this year the first primary under the new primary law will be held. Mr. Rogers was educated in the public schools of his native town, as also in Heald's Business College of San Francisco, from which latter he was graduated in 1891.

He then became an attache of the Central Bank of Oakland, in the capacity of messenger, a position which he held for a couple of years, after which he engaged in the wholesale fruit business. Later he became connected in a clerical capacity with the office of County Tax Collector Barber and discharged the duties of that position with faithfulness and ability for four years.

He then entered the office of the County Clerk under J. P. Cook, and for six years filled the position of judgment clerk. During this period he came in contact with the leading attorneys on both sides of the bay, and through them his thoughts were directed toward the bar as a profession. He made use of his spare moments in the study of law, with the result that he passed an excellent examination before the Appellate Court of this district, and was admitted to practice in all the courts in November, 1908. In January of the following year he became connected with the office of District Attorney under W. H. Donahue, the present incumbent, and is still an attache of the place.

Mr. Rogers has not sought the place for which he announces himself a candidate. He was importuned by a large number of people in all parts of the Forty-sixth District, who have known him all their lives, to run for the position

Mr. Rogers is in entire accord with lovers of good government throughout the County and has no fears that he will not be able to carry out their wishes and satisfy every demand that they may make upon the legislature.

Mr. Rogers is a member of the U. P. E. C., Estudillo Parlor, N. S. G. W., and the National Union. He is married, is the father of two children, and has the regard and esteem of all who know him.

IRVINGTON---The Beautiful

"Irvington the Beautiful" makes good its appellation, though this name is of comparatively recent origin. In the old histories it appears as Washington Corners, and has the distinction of giving name to the Township; but some there are who unkindly remember it as "Nigger Corners," and say that the first settler was an old black man named Washington, who, maybe, was a lineal descendant of some old family servant of the original "father of his country," for in the antebellum days the negro slave was at least so much a member of the family as to take the family name. But as Irvington the town has outgrown its unesthetic name, and in any case it is rather a credit to have sprung from such an humble beginning. Next to Mission San Jose, it is the oldest settled portion of the County, and many of the descendants of those first white settlers are prominent men in the Township today. In the old Spanish days the level country around Irvington was a favorite place for horse racing, and some of the notable races of that time are a matter of record.

Irvington has a population of 1050. It is on the line of the Southern Pacific Railway, and is the center of a farming community—much like all the other towns of the Township, having practically the same soil, climate and general advantage of situation, excepting the more level character of the land in the neighborhood of Irvington. Its homes are those of a happy and prosperous people. Its chief interests are connected with the land, and agriculture, fruit-raising, dairying and poultry are the principal industries.

Irvington can boast of its excellent schools. Here is located the Anderson Academy, a school for boys, with a large staff of teachers, their system corresponding with the public graded schools and permitting graduates to enter the universities upon presentation of diploma without examination. Their school buildings are delightfully located, surrounded with beautiful grounds for the pleasure and recreation of the students.

Citrus fruits grow in Washington Township and bear money-bringing crops.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF IRVINGTON.

A LIVE IRVINGTON MAN.

O. N. Hirsch is one of the real live men that you sometimes meet. He is interested in the advancement of his neighbors as well as himself. He believes in the future of Washington Township and is especially interested in the town of Irvington.

When Mr. Hirsch is not working to help his friends do things, he sells real estate and insurance, and he tells the write-up man of this edition that he doesn't care about himself, as he is plenty fixed with this world's goods, but he would like to see a good word written about future prospects of the section he calls home.

When asked on property values, Mr. O. N. Hirsch said he had hill land from $150 an acre up and orchard in bearing from $350 up. He tells us that chickens and ducks are a profitable industry at Irvington, and just to prove it took us to see some ranches. He also talked a little about the new branch that the Alvarado Bank was to open, and told of the real money that was going to pass through that channel and the amount of deposits that would lie in the modern vaults until loaned to assist in the advancement of gilt-edged propositions that lie on every side in Irvington.

Take it from us, Mr. O. N. Hirsch is a live one and an honorable gentleman.

IRVINGTON POULTRY FARM.

That Washington Township is not only an agricultural County but a splendid place to raise chickens, has been proved by Mr. Wm. W. Hirsch of Irvington. Just a few years ago Mr. Hirsch started to amuse himself with poultry, and soon

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A specialty was made of the beautiful large chickens known as the Single Comb Rhode Island Reds, and with his strain he has been among the winners at every show in which he has entered. Petaluma, Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento have passed the honors over to the Irvington Poultry Farm. At one exhibit he carried away twenty-six of the awards out of twenty-seven offered.

Mr. Hirsch has fourteen different yards and fourteen different strains, and has the finest of stock eggs for sale in season.

One of the most pleasing sights to be seen is little "Chickie" Hirsch with her prize-winning bantams and her dog Sport. This trio is a familiar sight to the residents, but the many parties who travel over the well kept roads of Washington Township and happen to see this pleasing picture always ask for a reminder of the occasion. One of the visitors with the camera habit is responsible for the accompany illustration.

BANK OF IRVINGTON.

Branch of the Bank of Alvarado.

The citizens of Irvington realized the need of a bank to handle the funds of that section of Washington Township, and, knowing the calibre of the men at the head of the Bank of Alvarado, sought their assistance. Also, to prove the earnestness of their petition, they subscribed for 300 shares of stock at $65 a share when the par value was listed at $50.

The Bank has purchased a corner lot, 50 by 100 feet, in the best section of Irvington, from the Mack Estate, and is putting up a building at the present time to have vaults and an interior finish on a par with any bank in the State. Nearly $10,000 is to be expended on this branch bank, and the building will no doubt influence future architecture in Irvington.

Mission San Jose will also make the branch bank at Irvington its banking headquarters, and the vineyardists and fruit growers expect to profit much by this new financial enterprise with its tried and true officers and directors.

IRVINGTON WATERWORKS.

Mr. Ed. Roderick of the Palm Cafe has established a water company is preparing to serve his neighbors with pure water. He has installed pumps on the premises and is placing enough water in the large tanks to give a strong pressure. It is expected that by installing three-inch mains and erecting standpipes, that fires may be speedily extinguished in case of a conflagration in the business section.

Many of the residents have already signified their intention of purchasing their supply of water from the Roderick Water Company, claiming that the wells are the best in the vicinity of Irvington.

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It is certain that J. J. OKeefe, the popular host and proprietor of the Maple Hotel and Maple Hall at Irvington, knows how to do things and do them right. "Everything first class" is not a mere catch word to ensnare the public. It is made good every time, and to stop at Maple Hotel once means to stop there again and again whenever business calls you into this part of the country. There is an air of neatness and home comfort

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Maple Hotel is a pleasant little roadside house on the main line of travel between Oakland, Mission San Jose and Stockton. It is a well known and favorite stopping place for parties making the trip with auptomobiles, driving parties, and the general traveling public. Close beside the house are beautiful grounds planned for rest and recreation. There are two immense weeping willow trees in the grounds, the largest and oldest willow tree in town, and in the seclusion and shade of their bending branches has been built a summer house and seats for the accommdoation of guests. A fine tennis court is another feature provided for the amusement of the people staying at the hotel.

The seventeen rooms of the hotel are comfortably furnished with all the modern conveniences.

J. J. O'KEEFE
Proprietor Maple Hotel

There is a parlor, and a dining room where meals are served a la carte and at all hours, and in connection with the hotel is a garage. Mr. O'Keefe opened this hotel to the public about one year ago. He is an ideal host and has many friends among the traveling public.

Maple Hall stands to the left of Maple Hotel. It is used in connection with the hotel and for private and public parties desiring a first class place for amusement and entertainment. There is no better hall in the country for this purpose. It is one of the largest halls anywhere in the neighborhood, its dimensions being 60 by 110, and the dancing floor, built of hard maple and highly polished, cannot be equaled in Alameda County. It is well lighted with electricity, and dancing parties from Niles and Centerville, bringing their own bands, come here to enjoy themselves. The exercises of the Township Union High School have been held in this hall, and other large public gatherings frequently avail themselves of so convenient and perfectly appointed a place.

As a chicken country, Washington Township cannot be surpassed.

Oranges and lemons are grown for profit, not ornamentation, in Washington Township.

LOS CERRITOS RANCH.

J. H. Whitfield, the happy owner of Los Cerritos, must experience the serene satisfaction a man feels in the knowledge that he has done well. Life has yielded to him a full measure of prosperity, and he can look out over his broad acres feeling that his toil has been well repaid.

Los Cerritos consists of 87 acres of as fine land as any in this section of superior lands. It was originally a vineyard, but in place of the old vines Mr. Whitfield planted a large orchard of sugar prunes and also raises grain and hay. He has recently completed and moved into a beautiful new house, 74 by 54, outside measurement, with spacious verandas on every side and complete to the minutest detail with every modern convenience, decoration and new furnishings. He is very proud of the work of his own hands in the ornamental finishings of the house and of the handsome large brick fireplace he builded.

Adjoining Los Cerritos is the property of Mr. J. A. Folger, the well known San Francisco millionaire, consisting of 187 acres, of which Mr. Whitfield is manager. The Folger family is spending three months at the Los Cerritos home with Mr. Whitfield's family—a house-warming visit.

Mr. Whitfield is one of the energetic, wide-awake men of Mission San Jose. His keen and shrewd business insight and calculation are an inheritance from Scotch ancestry—a people noted for thrift, foresightedness and integrity. He was born in New Zealand and came to this country in 1880. He is whole-souled, genial, generous and broad-minded, and has the confidence and esteem of the community and "not an enemy in all the world." He is a member of Mission San Jose Chamber of Commerce and actively interested in promoting the welfare of Mission San Jose.

Irvington has two churches, a Catholic and a Presbyterian; two hotels and a fine hall, Maple Hall, suitable for the use of dancing parties, socials, concerts, lectures and all kinds of entertainments.

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JOHN B. BARNARD.

Probably the most important event in the life of "Johnny" Barnard was his coming to California. Not that he had ever been the victim of any ill-luck, but he found the right conditions in California, and fitted in so nicely with the largeness of his surroundings here that it would have been a pity to have remained in the circumscribed atmosphere of that eastern land from whence he came. He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., which he called home until 1887. He came to this section of the country in 1881 as an expert to examine the stone used in the building of Stanford University, and remained here until March of the next year, returning in time to enjoy the first snowfall of the East, which he did not like, and came back to Niles. It seems to have been a tug between the East and the West to hold him. He gravitated between the two sections of the country, and tried it in Colorado, where he was superintendent for Greenly & Sons at a big stone quarry near Colorado City. But the California fever coursed through his veins and would not permit him to remain any length of time the other side of the Rockies. He went to Los Angeles and opened a stoneyard there, but in 1885 returned east and stayed a year. In 1886 he was at Santa Susanna, on the old stage route near San Fernando; then went to Keene, in Kern County, and opened a granite quarry, which he sold and went to the city to work on the Wells-Fargo building; then to Colorado City again, for four months, and then back East, this time staying fourteen days, when a telegram brought him here to take charge of a stone quarry. In 1891 he was in the hotel business in Niles and ran a livery stable, at the same time working for the Western Granite & Marble Company at San Jose, going back and forth daily and leaving his business in charge of his men. He sold out his hotel interest, but repurchased, and in 1892 married Miss Mamie Murphy, a native daughter, and continued to run the hotel and livery stable until he sold out some of his interests and moved his family to Fernbrook Park, on property leased from the railroad company for a term of twenty years. He set to work clearing up and improving the property and made of it a beautiful public amusement park, which received his personal attention for eight years, until he sub-leased the property and came into Niles, to a new house which he had built on I street, where he now resides.

NILES GLEN.

Such is a very brief outline of "Johnny" Barnard's life history. It is a good, clean, honest record. He is one of the man who have made Niles, and he has been identified with every movement tending toward the progress and prosperity of the town. He has given his time and his money to Niles improvements; he has ever been keenly alive to all that has concerned Niles.

Mr. Barnard is a hustler in business. He is president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the bank, director of the Interurban Laundry, principal stockholder of the Water Company, and is interested in the California Pressed Brick Company and Ames Pump Works. Wherever a Niles industry shows up, the name of J. B. Barnard appears somewhere in connection with it. His money is invested in Niles, and his energies are directed toward the development of Niles and Niles industries. His aim is the betterment of Niles.

Mr. Barnard's word stands good in the community. He is outspoken, generous and sympathetic. He is radically opposed to a one-man rule in anything, and has an abiding faith in arbitration. He has already made his mark in the Township and—he is still a young man. The end is not yet.

Alvarado has two churches—Catholic and Presbyterian—and five hotels—the Alvarado, the Chantecler, the Park, the Mark Owens and the Riverside—thus providing well for the entertainment of the general public.

Irvington has always been in the front ranks of the Township in agricultural pursuits, and was the first section of the County to raise vegetables, the venture of John Horner in 1846, bringing him fabulous prices. Dairying and poultry raising have always been profitable. The first paper, the Independent, in Washington Township was published here.

JAMES A. EASTERDAY.

One of the responsible young business men of the community, who has long been affiliated with Washington Township, is Mr. James A. Easterday. He is credited with much business ability and has succeeded in maintaining his prestige among men of worth.

Mr. Easterday is the local representative and only dealer in ice in Niles. He is also owner of The Senate, one of the best saloons in the Township.

FERNBROOK PARK.

NEWARK---A Manufacturing District

It is said that Newark was named for the city of Newark, New Jersey. Be that as it may, no town in the County has better prospects for immediate future prosperity than Newark. It has a population of 1200, but if things turn out at all as anticipated it will double and treble its population in a very short time.

The completion of the Dumbarton Union Railroad Bridge, near Newark, which will be ready for trains in about two weeks, will at once revolutionize the railroad industries here and bring all the transcontinental railroad traffic through Newark over the shortcut across the bay to San Francisco. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has already purchased 500 acres of land whereon to build new railroad shops, and it is not at all unlikely that the removal of the big railroad shops from Sacramento to Newark will be an event of the future, and not the distant future at that; the location here being considered far superior to the present one for the shops, on account of the railroad company's inability to purchase sufficient convenient land in Sacramento to meet the requirements for necessary improvements, and by reason of the intense heat in that city during the summer months, making it almost impossible for the railroad employes in the shops to continue work. Thus the railroad improvements already planned are also sufficient to give the town impetus, the extent of which cannot be predicted, and make of it a railroad town, giving a big boost to population and mercantile interest.

Next in point of progress is the new electric line of railroad running from Warm Springs to Hayward, an extension of the Hayward Electric line, for which a survey was made about two weeks ago.

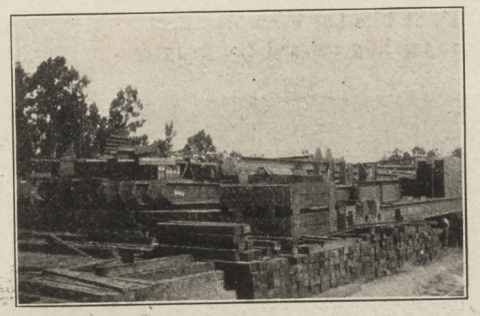
Newark was once the scene of a big railroad controversy, when Senator Fair proceeded to put in a narrow-gauge railway, in opposition to the Southern Pacific, and which later, in 1875, the Southern Pacific bought and turned into a standard-gauge track.

Senator James G. Fair had large holdings here, and, indeed, the Fair estate is still interested in pretty nearly everything in the way of development and improvement going on in the vicinity. The old Fair home in Newark is a place of interest now. It is a small, low, unpretentious cottage, but under that roof once dwelt one of the "bononza kings" of California, whose touch turned things to gold and whose immense fortune is still a power in the financial centers of the world. The Park Hotel here was built by Fair, and is still a part of the estate.

Much property in the vicinity is still in the hands of the Pacific Land and Investment Company, originally consisting of Flood and O'Brien, who considered this section of the country a profitable investment for their surplus and surfeit of wealth.

Newark Lumber and Milling Co.

The James Graham Manufacturing Company has a large plant in operation here, for the manufacture of stoves and ranges. This foundry was established in 1882. The buildings of the concern at present cover an acre of ground. From 75 to 100 men are employed, and the monthly payroll



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swells to quite an item and assists in the development of other industries of the town.

The Dumbarton Land and Improvement Company is putting in a new system of dykes for salt-making on an extensive scale, and the Plummer Salt Works is already in operation. The dairy interests between Newark and Arden are of importance, and an otherwise prosperous farming country within a large radius will reap additional benefit from these proposed improvements.

A distinguishing feature of this section is the system of fine public roads centering in Newark. These roads are as hard as asphalt and of a peculiar red-colored earth, procured from Coyote Hill near-by, being similar in appearance to the driveways in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

The raising of several species of Eucalyptus is an industry already established, and the demand for that wood as a material for furniture and finishings will make it an exceedingly profitable one. There are a large number of giant trees, originally set out for windbreaks and now providing shaded roadways and adding much to the beauty of the country roads.

The settlement of the sewer question and the

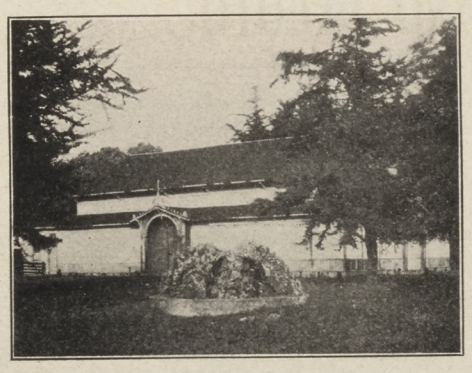
Red Road, Through the Gums.

building of the new township sewer is one of the matters involving Newark, as well as Niles and Centerville, and as it is of vital importance it will receive attention in the near future.

There are two hotels at Newark, a town hall, one schoolhouse and two churches—Catholic and Presbyterian. The Silvey & Munyan Company owns the principal general merchandise store.

Newark Pavilion recreation grounds were formerly the site of a noted coursing park, and people came here from all over the County to the races held here.

Newark has a chamber of commerce consisting of fifty active members, and they are now arranging a celebration of the opening of Dumbarton Bridge. W. Wyatt is president and F. J. Jacobus secretary. These progressive gentlemen have a large fund of material property to look after in the immediate future, and it is predicted that all the land on the road between Newark and Niles will be cut up into town lots and find ready purchasers.



Newark Picnic Ground and Pavilion.

C. J. Lutgen

Candidate for Auditor
Republican Party

C. J. Lutgen, the present County Auditor, is a man whose business is accounting, and has been for the last twenty years. He has been a resident of Alameda County for seventeen years, and during that time has resided in Berkeley.

He was appointed to the office of County Auditor on March 7th, 1910, and since that time has made many changes for the betterment of the service. Mr. Lutgen has also found numerous errors that existed and corrected the same. He is running the office on strictly business principles, and striving in every way to serve the people as every public servant should.

Mr. Lutgen seeks the Republican nomination to succeed himself, and promises a continuance of the policies started with the short term he has occupied the position of County Recorder.

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THE PARK HOTEL.

Newark is a rapidly growing community, but it will have to go some to keep up with the modern hotel methods of Mr. J. W. Hafner of the Park Hotel.

Mr. Hafner has a building that was erected by James G. Fair, the millionaire railroad man, in 1878. At that time Newark was a terminal of the California-Nevada Railway, and the big man made

Park Hotel, Newark.

his headquarters there—in fact, his summer home was in the close vicinity. The large building is well located, and the view is open from the many windows.

Mr. Hafner gives the business his personal attention. He raises his own chickens, and the dairy produce is from the attached territory. Newark is favored with a good hotel and a good hotel man

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WARM SPRINGS AND DECOTO

WARM SPRINGS.

So far as any record shows, the first owner of Warm Springs was one F. X. Higuera, who received grant in 1836 from Nicholas Gutierrez. The rancho was known as Agua Calienta. But long before any white man had set his foot upon the land the Indians knew of the curative properties of the waters, and the missionaries found a rancheria there when they first came into the country. From the earliest day the springs were regarded as having great medicinal virtues. Not only were the waters regarded as a panacea for all internal and external ills, but were widely famed for their wonderful cleansing properties, and the early Spanish families from miles away sent their household servants to cleanse the family linen at the springs.

In 1850 the springs had gained name and fame as a watering place, and became the mecca of the most fashionable people as a health and pleasure resort. All the beauty and wealth of the State were at one time or another guests of the place. In 1852 a company of Americans was formed, which purchased 3000 acres of the land from Fulgencia Higuera, paying for it three dollars an acre. Squatters who had settled on the lands were evicted, and farming on an extensive scale was begun, and under the energetic direction of the Americans the land was made to produce crops in such abundance that the owners of the land were themselves astonished at the result. Many of the early families of the township had homes at the Springs, and some of their descendants are still residents of the Township.

The town of Warm Springs is situated about three miles south of Mission San Jose, the Springs themselves being in the foothills. Analysis of the water shows it to contain soda, borax and sulphur. Its temperature is 98 degrees.

The popularity of the Springs has continued, strangers making it a part of any tour planned for this part of the country, even though they do not anticipate any extended stay at this point. One of the finest hotels in the country is located here, with cafe in connection, and ample accommodations for guests are provided.

Dairying is a business in Washington Township, not a fad.

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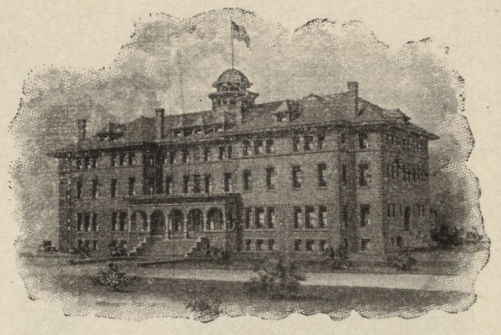
If you are looking for a place to make your permanent home, raise your family and have them all breadwinners and with you always, locate in Washington Township.

DECOTO.

As a town Decoto lacks the early history of many of the other towns in Washington Township, for it is of comparatively recent date as a town. It tis on the line of two railroads and was named for Ezra Decoto, who owned the land, though originally it was a portion of the Vallejo grant. When the town was laid out in 1870, 27,000 eucalyptus trees were planted to make beautiful a city which has not yet arrived, though the elusive future may hold that in store for it, even as it holds so many other hopes and fears.

Here at Decoto is located the beautiful Masonic Home, bult on the high hillside above the road, standing in the midst of sightly surroundings, and can be seen from a great distance. The entrance to the grounds is particularly noticeable, two stone sphinx guarding each side of the hand-



some gateway. The 267.46 acres of land are all under cultivation, and fields of yellow grain, vineyards and orchards proclaim prosperity. The building is of brick, a large, imposing structure four stories in height, which gives a view of all the southern portion of Alameda County, the Bay and the mountains.

Once children were admitted to this home, but later arrangements have provided homes for them elsewhere. The Home is mainatined by the subordinate lodges of the State, each member, through the Grand Lodge, paying one dollar into a general fund. The main building was dedicated October 12, 1899. Later Syminof Temple was erected, just back of the main building, and here the lodges from neighboring cities come on pilgrimages and exemplify the Masonic work

for the benefit of the Home. The Temple, a gift of S. Seminof of San Francisco, is a beautiful building, with lodgerooms, library and offices devoted to the use of Free Masons who are inmates of the Home.

Decoto is anly a small town, its population being 850. The houses are somewhat scattered. The mercantile interests are inconsequential. It is a vegetable country, and immense fields of tomatoes are everywhere. The land is like that of Alvarado, exceedingly fertile, by reason of the overflow of Alvarado Creek.

E. Salz has a dozen or more warehouses in Decoto for the storage of hay and grain. There are two churches—a Catholic Church, and a Christian Endeavor Church, the first of that society built anywhere in the Township. Near here is the well known old-time Dry Creek picnic grounds, once very popular but not much used in later days.

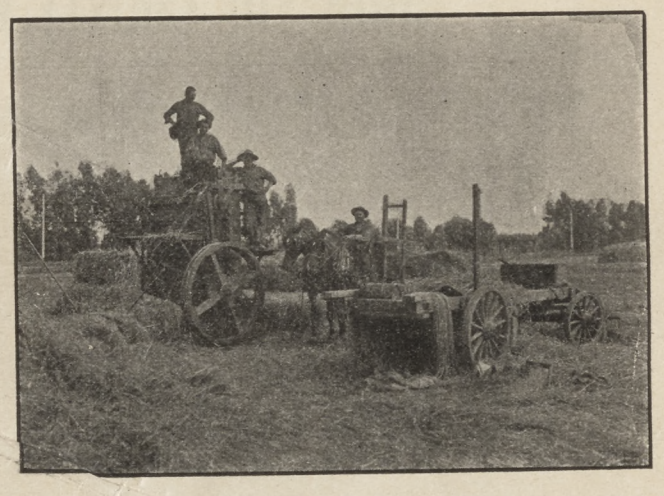
A. RIEHR VINEYARDS.

This vineyard lies on the sunny slope between mountain and sea. The soil and the climate are unequaled for production of grapes, and under the influence of California sunshine they ripen with a richness of flavor nowhere else to be found. There is no frost, and the ripening season is free from rain. This land was given over to the cultivation of grapes long before anyone of the Anglo-Saxon race had ever looked upon it, and the red wines of Mission San Jose were famous when the first Americans came.

Mr. Riehr was owner of the vineyard before the phylloxera destroyed the vines all over this section of the country, putting many prosperous vineyards entirely out of bearing. But he declined to be beaten by a few hundred billion of mere insects. He had faith in the future of vineyards and the belief that the enemy could be overcome. With characteristic energy and perseverance he set about making a new vineyard with resistant stock brought from Montpelier, below Bordeaux, near the boundary of Spain. It took some time to make the new vineyard what it is today, but his persistance has been well rewarded. He can look over his vine lands feeling that he has accomplished a great work. His example is an object lesson to the community.

The Riehr vineyards produce 250 tons of grapes annually. The capacity of the winery is 35,000 gallons. A good stock of wine is kept on hand for ageing. He manufactures only special brands of claret—Zinfandel and Burgundy. He makes no cheap wines whatever.

Mr. Riehr has been in the wine business 26 years. He is a native of Alsace and came to this country at the age of eleven years. His father before him was a winemaker, and his business card now reads, "Successor to J. Riehr." The land of the Riehr vineyards was Professor Hilgard's old place.



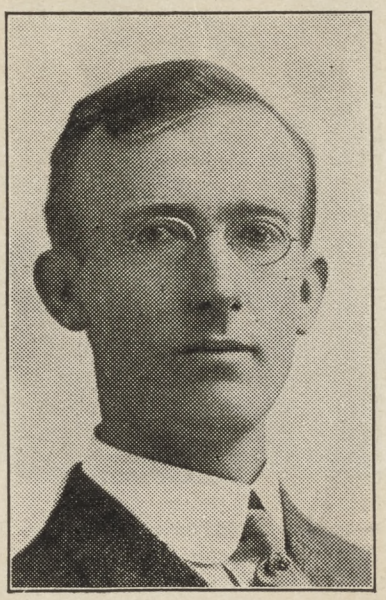
Keeping Busy.

John M. Eshleman

Candidate for
Railroad Commissioner.

John M. Eshleman is known to every resident of Alameda County, and his public record is a splendid one.

He represented the City of Berkeley in the State Legislature, and would no doubt have been a Senator by this time, had not it been necessary



for him, on account of ill health, to change his residence.

Mr. Eshleman (Jack) went to Imperial County and his new neighbors thought enough of him to make him District Attorney. He has nobly performed the duties of that office, and now comes before the people of this section (his old home) as a nominee for the office of Railroad Commissioner and seeks your approval.

Mr. Eshleman is peculiarly fitted for this position. He has been Deputy Labor Commissioner and Assemblyman; he is an attorney and is known for his strength of purpose.

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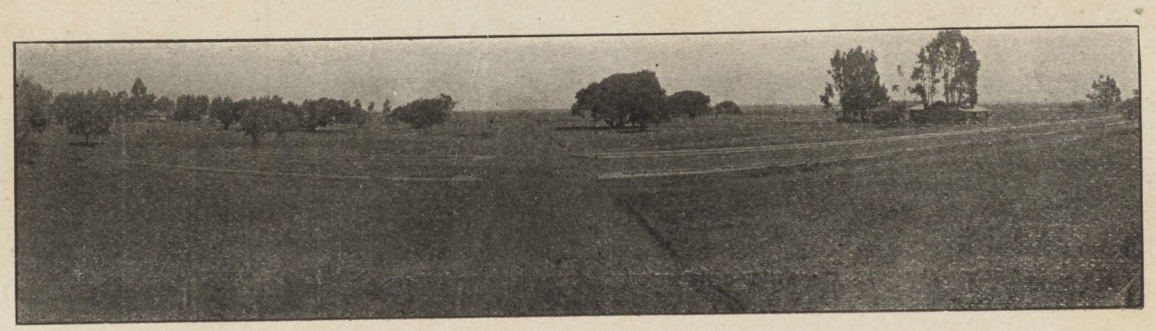

HOW THE COUNTY WAS NAMED

ALAMEDA CREEK OR CANYON.

Alameda County derives its name from Alameda Creek, running through the southern part of the County. Its banks were once lined with willow, sycamore and other trees, and the County elsewhere being sparsely wooded, the Mexican settlers called it the place of the Alameda, the Spanish word signifying a shaded walk or avenue.

The source of Alameda Creek is away up in the mountains, and on its way it is joined by numberless brooks and streamlets—Calaveras, Arroya Honda, San Antonio, Arroyo Valle—winding through the Sunol and Livermore valleys, and arrives at the great canyon and on through its gorge to the bay. The stream enters the valley at Niles. With the winter rains it swells and floods the country; in the summer it disappears entirely in places to reappear again and go on its way. It is the largest stream in the County. The Spring Valley Water Company owns the riparian rights, and it is the main source of San Francisco's water supply.

Through Alameda Canyon winds the beautiful Canyon Road, on which many improvements are being made and three new bridges built. It is planned to make a broad driveway through the canyon, which for scenic beauty and picturesqueness will not be equaled anywhere. It is in the Niles district, and the only real canyon in the Township, though there are many minor gorges in the foothills. The two lines of railroad pass through the canyon, where the high walls tower above the tracks in impressive grandeur.

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The Spring Valley Water Company of San Francisco contemplates extensive improvements in Niles Canyon, which will greatly benefit Washington Township. All of Niles Canyon and the property of the company in Alameda County is to be improved and made more accessible. It is the intention of the company to make a beautiful park of the canyon, which will be open to the public, care being exercised that the water is kept pure. These improvements will also include the Sunol dam site, where the waters of the creek are filtered and start on their journey over land and sea across the Bay to San Francisco. A new water temple is now being erected at this point.

President Bourn desires the cooperation of the residents of this County in making the improvements the most efficient and the greatest value to all concerned. The policy of the company will be a radical departure from that of former administrations, and will have the end in view of making this section more attractive. It is also stated that the water from the wells on the Overacker place, near Centerville, will be used for local supply only, rather than sent to San Francisco. This will be good news to the community, as it has been rumored that litigation would be necessary to prevent the taking of this water out of the township.

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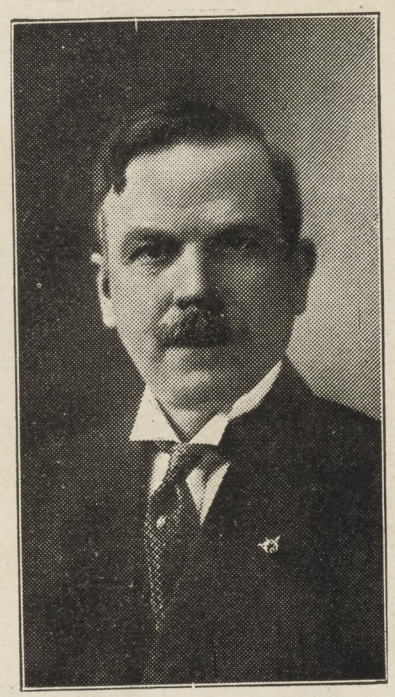
Washington Township has more pleasure resorts than any other section of Alameda County. Medicinal springs and sweet mountain brooks abound. Fishing and hunting will please the camper and the resident. Fifty minutes from Oakland.

ANDERSON FOR GOVERNOR.

Foremost among the candidates for the Republication nomination for Governor is Alden Anderson. He has been very active in public and commercial life for many years, and has shown himself to be thoroughly qualified by reason of his ability and experience, for the high office to which he aspires.

Since 1897 he has been actively advocating a State system of good roads. Before that he had the highways in Solano County improved, and, while president of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce for two terms, 1906 to 1907, he ably conducted the campaign resulting in the bonding of Sacramento County for good roads.

He was elected Assemblyman from Solano County in 1896, 1898 and 1900, with increased majorities each time. He was Speaker of the Assembly in 1899, Lieutenant-Governor with Hon. Geo.



C. Pardee as Governor, 1903 to 1907; presidential elector in 1908, casting the State's ballot for Taft, and State Superintendent of Banks, 1909 and 1910.

As a member of the Assembly and president of the Senate he secured the passage of remedial measures for fruit growers, live stock owners, irrigators and reclamation districts. He was president of the State League of Republican Clubs two terms, 1900 and 1901.

Being a graduate of the University of the Pacific, Mr. Anderson is deeply interested in the educational institutions of the State, and has served as a Regent of the University of California and a trustee of the Chico State Normal School.

By his ability as an organizer Alden Anderson made the deciduous fruit industry profitable to the grower. He is working for the upbuilding of the State by setting out large orchards, reclaiming overflowed lands, building an independent electric railroad between Sacramento and Stockton, erecting a handsome tourist hotel in Sacramento, and fostering other public enterprises.

The primary election will be held August 16, but only those who have registered this year prior to July 27 will be permitted to vote.

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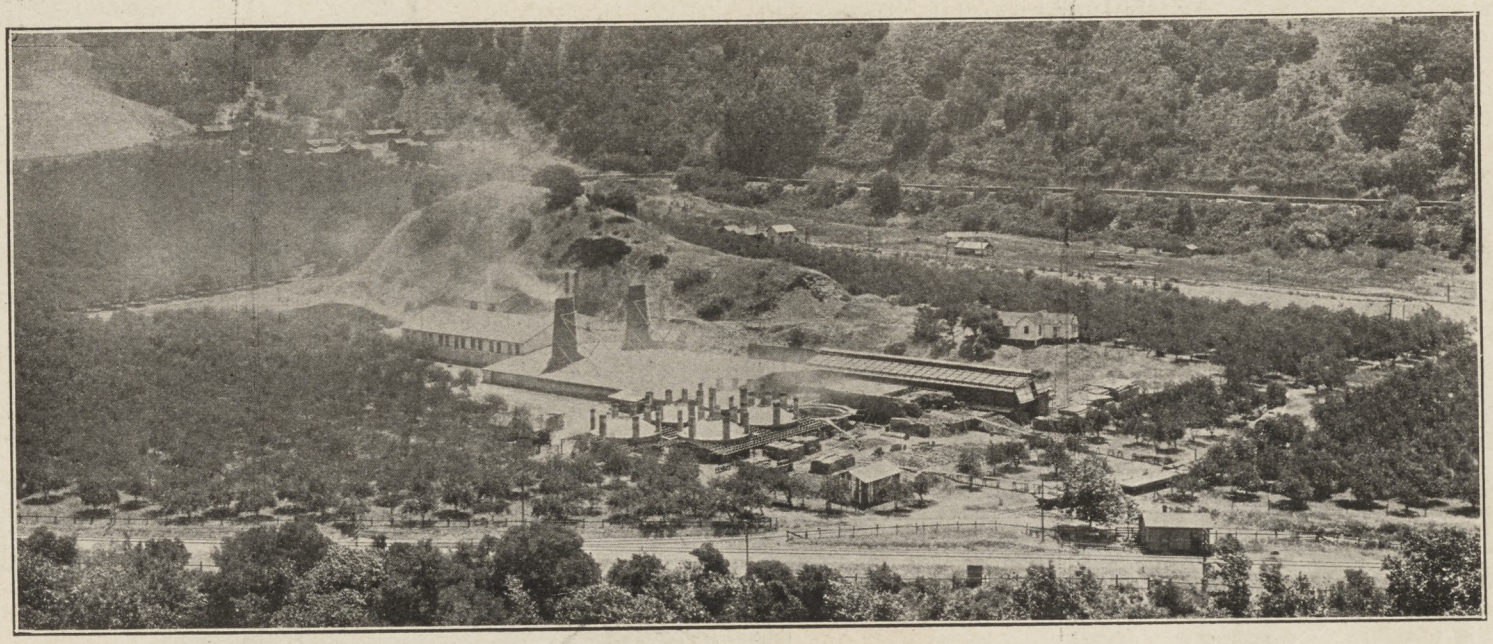


CALIFORNIA PRESSED BRICK COMPANY, NILES.

James Graham Stove Works, Newark.

Pacific Land and Improvement Company.
Holders of Realty and Commercial Interests, Newark.

H. A. Snow, Newark.

Employes James Graham Stove Works, Newark.

NILES INDUSTRIES.

The Ames Manufacturing Company is one of the leading industries of Niles. They are large manufacturers of hydraulic pumps and machinery for irrigation purposes, railroads, city waterworks, farming, mining, stock ranch—any service where deep-water pumps are required. The Ames pumps are sent all over the world, from Washington to Yucatan, Australia and east of the Rocky Mountains They employ from twenty-five to thirty men, some of them having been in the company's employ eighteen years. The business is incorporated for $141,000.

The California Pressed Brick Company is another important industry, employing from fifty-six to one hundred men, according to season and business. They manufacture vitrified brick and all kinds of products. The capacity is 100,000 brick per day. The plant is valued at $600,000.

The Interurban Laundry is the only steam laundry in the Township. Itt is incorporated for $25,000.

The output of the California Building & Material Company is from ten to twenty carloads per day of sand, gravel and crushed rock. The company employs from ten to twenty men. It is a $60,000 investment.

Niles has two planing mills—the Niles Planing Mill and the Independent Planing Mill—the California Nursery Company, fully described on another page; John Pine Nursery, four fruit-drying establishments, two blacksmith shops, and a new bakery, the oven of which has just been completed.

There are two newspapers in Niles—The Township Register and the Washington Press—the only newspapers in the township.

The property interests of Niles are summed up as follows: Industries, $1,000,000; homes, $800,000; monthly pay roll, $7000.

The Niles State Bank is an institution of great convenience to the people of the town. The capital stock is $25,000. The officers are: E. A. Ellsworth, president; J. B. Barnard, vice-president; P. A. Ellis, secretary; J. C. Shinn, treasurer; Charles Evans, cashier. The directors are: M. V. Pease, O. E. Walpert, J. A. Silva, A. T. Ames, Clarence Martinstein.

Niles has two churches, a Catholic and a Presbyterian. One school building has thus far accommodated the pupils of the town. A new school building is contemplated, for which a bond issue will provide, the new building to be of brick and its location away from the railroad track.

THE NEWARK LUMBER COMPANY.

The Newark Lumber Company is the largest concern of its kind in the County, outside of Oakland. This company has been in business at Newark for over twenty years. Yards, dry kiln and planing mill and main office cover a large area, and Mr. Fred A. Moses, the secretary and man in charge, is favorably known to every resident of Washington Township.

The Newark Lumber Company produces a high quality of doors and sash and handles glass and builders' hardware. Other specialties are water tanks and general millwork.

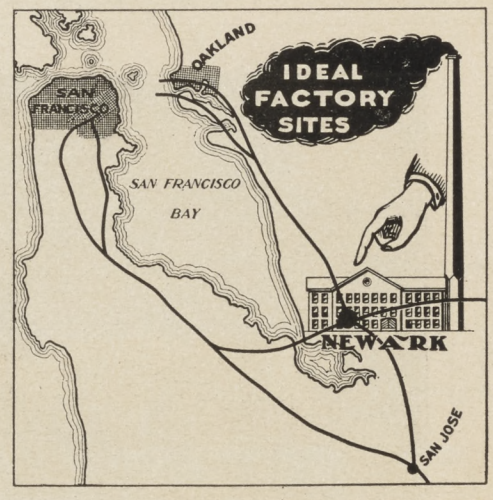
This live firm employs nearly forty men and holds interests in many timber companies that are continually shipping in choice timber of every description.

NILES TO HAVE NEW CHURCH.

The Congregational Church of Niles is to erect a new edifice in the near future. It is expected that $10,000 will be expended on the building and furnishings.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. F. V. Jones, is to a great extent responsible for the progress made. He is a lovable man, respected by both church goer and layman. Mr. Jones takes an active interest in all civic affairs in Washington Township, and his opinions are greatly valued by the business men of the community.

The town of Niles has a water system of its own, in the Citizens Water Company. It was established in 1908, all ready and in operation thirty days after organization. The water is conducted through 6 and 8 inch pipes. It is sufficient for all the needs of the town and affords an abundant supply for watering lawns and flowers. z



A Washington Township Bird.

Hellwig Meat Company.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HOMES

J. T. FONTE
Editor Township Register, Niles Glen.

O. E. WALPERT
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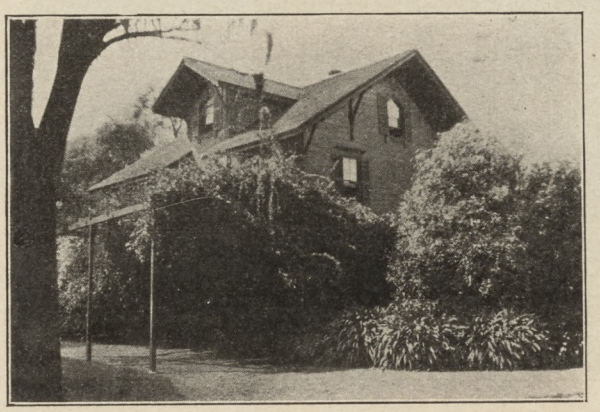

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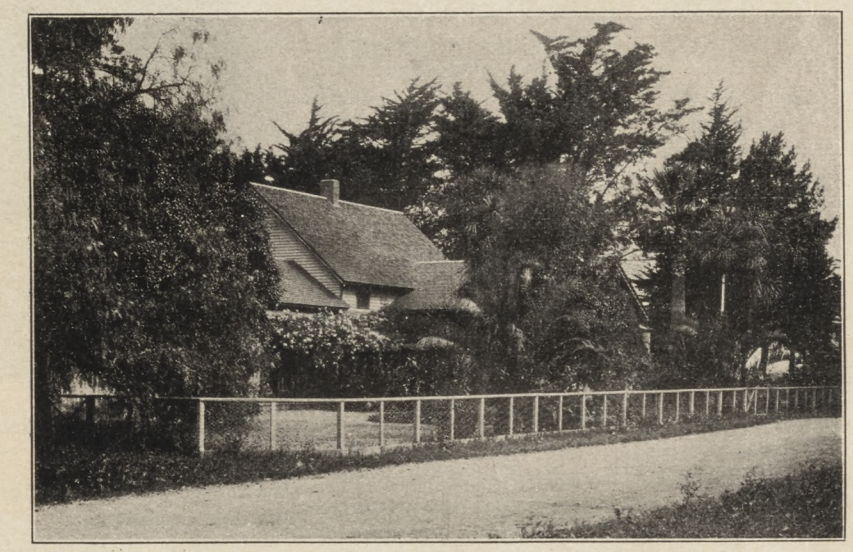

Schlessinger Home, Newark.

A Newark Home.

Ellsworth Home, Niles

R. B. Crowell, Irvington.

MISSION PEAK---View Point of the Bay Counties

Molded in some fierce primeval upheaval, desolated by centuries of battle with the elements, storm-swept and tempest-scourged, it rises silent and lone, the Sphinx of the Contra Costa Range. Sometimes Mission Peak rises above the mists, sometimes it is completely enveloped in them. It catches the first rosy glow of the sunrise, it reflects the purple night creeping from the east. It watches over the valley.

Estimates vary as to the height of Mission Peak, ranging from 2275 to 2900 feet. Be that as it may, the peak stands out in solitary grandeur against the belted skyline, a landmark visible from every part of Washington Township. From the summit of the Peak looking down, the valley spreads out like a panorama, dotted here and there with towns, villages and cities—San Jose, San Mateo, Palo Alto, Santa Clara—and in the distance San Francisco and Oakland. The blue, shimmering waters of San Francisco Bay glitter in the sunshine, and afar out to the Golden Gate the Pacific's ebb and flow may be seen bearing its burden of human freight safely into the harbor home. Away in the distance rise the snow-capped Sierras, the Yosemite, and the nearer mountain peaks—Mt. Hamilton, Lick Observatory, Mt. Tamalpais, and Mt. Diablo, towering above them all—and all a part of the great mountain range that like some grim, forbidding fortress guards the Western Coast. Nearer, so near that a glass makes visible, the ranches of the township can be discerned; Old Mission San Jose, magnificent Palmdale, beautiful Linda Vista, and the orchards, vineyards and grain fields that surround the homes and make for the prosperity and happiness of a community.

The complexities of life dwindle and fade away when contemplating the majestic grandeur of a secne like this. The mountain bears record of Epochs and of Time. Men are the transient of earth; they come and they go and are so soon forgotten. The mountain outlasts them all. It saw the Indians sole occupants of the land; saw the coming of the Franciscan friars, strong in the faith and hope of reward for unselfish sacrifice and devotion. But the missions they builded are ruins, fast crumbling back to earth. Through the pass below came the daring Fremont, bearing the flag of a race new to the land; through that same pass poured the horde of gold seekers on their way to the "northern mines." From his hiding place in the gulches and defiles of the mountain the notorious bandit and horse thief, Joaquin Muriatti, sallied forth on his raids; and here, too, the all-around bad man, Juan Cota, made his home. When tired and worn from the mad excitement, men turned from the mines to the earth, they found that the gold of ripened grain and of golden fruit was of far greater value than the yellow metal for which they had so madly sought. All this Mission Peak saw, and some of this is within the memory of men still living. The mountain is of the Past and of the Present. It also is of the Future. It will see the ultimate of the race. But the Sphinx is silent.

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Washington Township has a University Club, and a Country Club devoted to social and literary pursuits, with a clubhouse at Centerville.

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The climate of Washington Township is unexcelled.

LINDA VISTA.

It is well named a beautiful view—sightliest of the many sightly estates in the vicinity of Mission San Jose. Here, too, the soft touch of romance lingeringly dwells, and the echo of Mission bells still reverberates on the air. The old mission life placed a spell upon the land, and the artist, the poet and the dreamer falls easy victim to the magic touch and would lie in the glorious sunshine and dream the long days away. Thoughts of the outer world, with its sordid, material cares, strike the senses with a jar, and the awakening is pain, with a feeling of loss that is a positive hurt, for the dream is no longer a dream and the old life has gone forever.

Linda Vista, Home of Mrs. Stephens, Mission San Jose.

Approach to the house is through a long avenue of olive trees—a guard of honor ranged on either side of the driveway to welcome guests. A spacious park, well kept lawns and fruitful orchards are on every side, as far as the eye can travel. It is indeed a princely domain—1500 acres of gently sloping land, bearing immense groves of walnut trees, oranges, lemons, olives, figs and prunes—a fair sized farm of 80 acres given entirely to prunes.

A poet has chosen the beauties of this place as a theme for song. "The royal palms of Linda Vista" are more beautiful than anything ever said, written or pictured of them. They are magnificent old trees, planted in the midst of smooth lawns and surrounded with broad-leaved banana trees and feathery date palms. The view from this elevation is superb. A vast stretch of country spreads out like a map. All the towns of the vicinity are visible from here, the blue waters of San Francisco Bay gleam and glisten in the distance, and Mission Peak looks down from above.

Linda Vista was also formerly a part of the Mission ranch. The whole hillside was vineyard, the first cuttings planted being brought by the Padres from Spain. As long ago as mission days this land was famed for its wines. Not long ago a large part of the ranch was given over to the cultivation of grapes. Linda Vista was a world-famed vineyard. Skilled men from abroad superintended the making of the wines. All the well known brands were made here and were shipped abroad to compete with the famous vintages of Europe. The wines were pronounced by connoisseurs as fine as any made. But the fatal phylloxera came and swept over the vineyards like a plague, leaving destruction in its wake. The vines have all been uprooted, and the place is now being converted into a stock ranch for raising fine horses. Besides large stock raising and fruit interests, the ranch produces hay, grain and dairy products.

The owner of this vast property, Mr. Henry Stephens, passed out April 12, 1910. He was one of Michigan's wealthiest men, and had been prominently and actively identified with the lumber interests of that State for many years. His intention was to make his home at Linda Vista. He was planning immediate and extensive improvements on his property here. His residence in the township would have benefited the whole community, and his passing away is deeply regretted by everyone.

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AN AUTOMOBILE SALESMAN.

Mr. O. J. Emery of Alvarado, the well known contractor, is also agent for the best little runabout represented on the Pacific Coast. It is the Metz Plan Car, and sells for $525 on the ground. The entire weight of the machine is but 650 pounds, and it developes a speed of 40 miles an hour. The cost of maintaining the car is as light as its weight, and Mr. Emery has already sold several and is waiting for more cars to complete other sales nearly consummated.

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The walnut and the almond are prolific bearers in Washington Township.

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Orchards in bearing from $300 to $500 per acre in Washington Township.

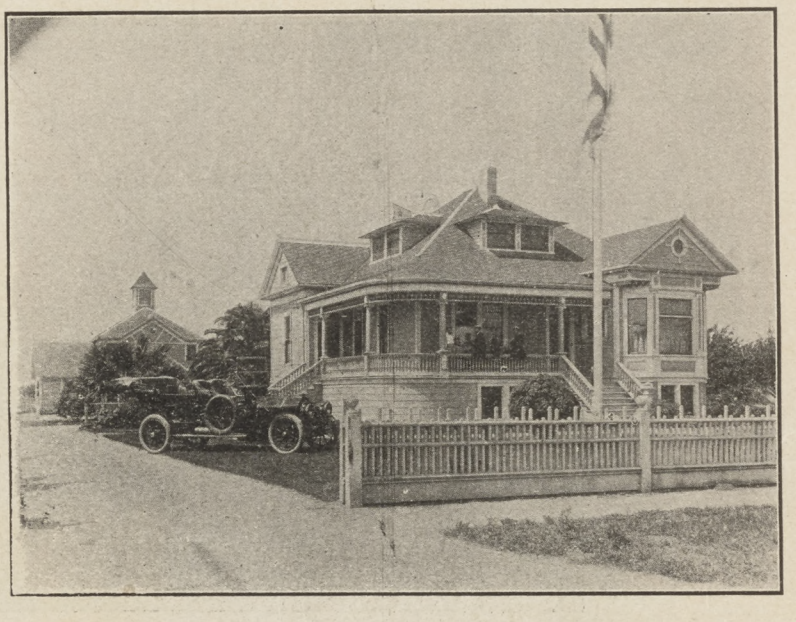
Hon. C. F. Horner, Chairman Board of Supervisors, Alameda County.

SUPERVISOR C. F. HORNER.

It is not necessary for us to introduce to you the Honorable C. F. Horner. During his life he has been your neighbor, and you know of his good work and love him. Still, an Advancement Edition from Washington Township would not be complete without public recognition of his worth.

In the year 1846 John M. Horner came to Washington Township and settled. Just fifty years ago C. Fred Horner, the son, was born, and soon grew to his responsibilities. He became a factor in early life, and has always been identified with progressive men and methods. For ten years he has represented the people of Washington Township on the Board of Supervisors, and his work on the committee on improvement of roads and bridges always stands before you. His ability was also used by his constituents, and he was honored as chairman of the finance committee. Two years ago he was elected president of the Board of Supervisors.

The good work accomplished in Alameda County is in a great measure due to the splendid representative that Washington Township has had, and we predict that if he wishes, the Hon. C. F. Horner will be Supervisor until he passes to the great beyond.



Home of C. F. Horner, Centerville.

A PROMINENT VINEYARD.

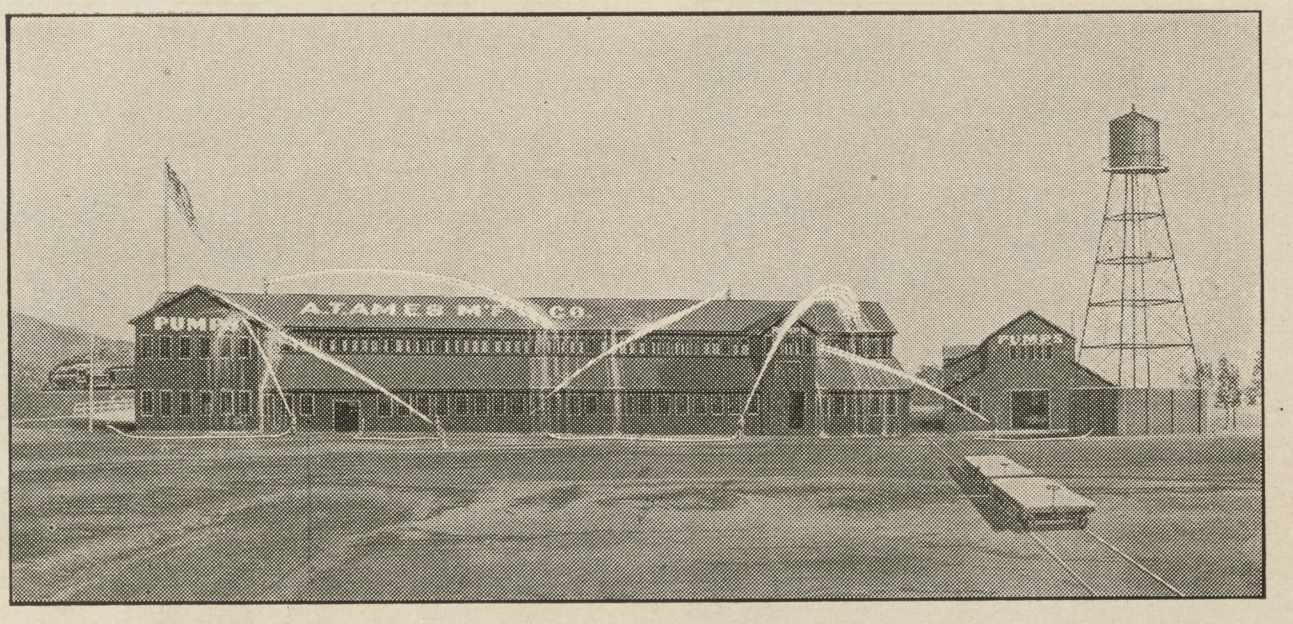
The vineyard of Grau & Werner, on the beautiful road between Irvington and Mission San Jose, is a modern one in every particular. The vines are lately renewed from resistant stock imported from France, and the quality of their output is on a par with any in the West.

This vineyard makes a specialty of Zinfandel wines of the Burgundy type, and its product is sought by those who know a fine article.

The grounds and homes of Messrs. Grau and Werner are particularly beautiful, and the drive to the top of the hill on which the large wineries are located is through a finely kept road lined with bearing almond and olive trees.

This is probably the largest winery in Washington Township, and a drive over its many acres is a beautiful and pleasing experience at this time of the year.

Gardens at Los Amigos Vineyards, Irvington. Grau & Werner.



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Mr. J. E. Wamsley is a man well known for his integrity, and is credited by his neighbors with a large amount of good common sense. He is at present in the employ of the Southern Pacific and has always been a booster, and a hard worker as well, for all interests in this section.

Mr. Wamsley prides himself on the fact that he has always been a Republican. He was elected School Trustee four consecutive terms, was secretary of the Washington Township Club during the Harrison campaign, and President of that organization for the last three campaigns.

A LIVE FIRM OF MERCHANTS.

The firm of Mason & Gomez, of Niles, is a new business. These gentlemen started New Years Day of 1909 in the line of general merchandise. Hugh Mason was, before the fire, in the gents' furnishing goods business at San Francisco. Joseph Gomez is a long-time resident of Niles and Centerville, and has always been in the general merchandise line. The firm is doing much of the business in the vicinity of Niles, and has several wagons delivering daily.

Their policy of good quality of goods, fair prices and courteous treatment has established the firm favorably in the homes, and the name Mason & Gomez already stands for square dealing.

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Bob Adair is an inveterate fisherman. He goes fishing at every opportunity. A while ago he had a little hard luck—wind and weather wasn't just right—and he got disgusted with the local fishing and decided to take a trip up near Napa to try some wonderful fishing he had heard of up there. He happened to be whipping a stream in the immediate vicinity of the insane asylum.. Like all these far-away streams that you hear so much about, it was a punk place for fish, to use Bob's own expression, and he was about ready to give up, when he was accosted by one of the inmates of the insane asylum, who, being a harmless idiot, was permitted to wander about the grounds. The "nut" said: "What are you doing there?"

"I'm fishing," answered Bob.

"How long have you been fishing there?"

"Ever since five o'clock this morning."

"Catch anything?" asked the dippy one.

"Not a dam bite, even," was the rejoinder.

The cheerful idiot pointed to the asylum over his shoulder and said: "Come on inside."

A SPLENDID BUSINESS.

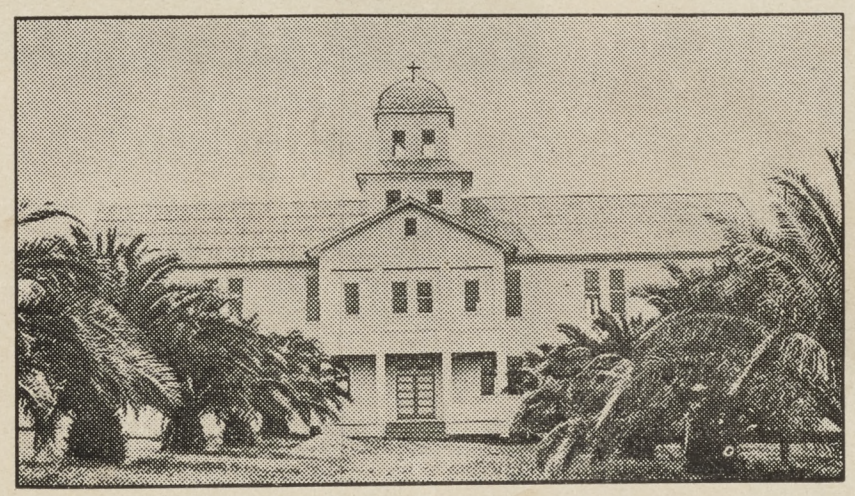
Hansen & Company, the mill and feed men of Centerville, have built up a splendid business in their line, and furnish much of the material used in the vicinity of their business. This firm has recently purchased the business of the Robert Dollar Company at Niles and is rapidly spreading out to cover the wonderful and recent advancement of Washington Township.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

Newark Public School.

Alvarado School.

Niles Churches and Schools.



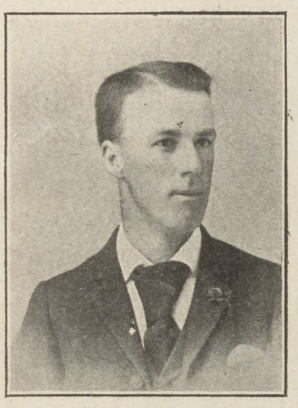
New Building, Sisters of St. Dominic, Mission San Jose.

A Washington Township Church.

C. D. STIVERS.

Candidate for Justice of the Peace, Washington Township.

C. D. Stivers, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace of



Washington Township, was born at the old home place, between Niles and Irvington, in 1869. His father, Simeon Stivers, was one of the first settlers in this part of Alameda County, arriving in San Francisco on the ship Brooklyn, in 1846, and three years later settled in Washington Township, where he carried on extensive farming interests and died in 1898. Mrs. Stivers, who came over the plains by ox team, settled here in 1858 and is still occupying the old home place, surrounded by her children.

C. D. Stivers received his education in the public schools of Oakland, including the high school, and later entered the Hastings Law College, from which he was graduated. Later he entered the law practice and was in the office of the late Judge S. G. Nye.

Mr. Stivers is possessed of a pleasing personality, is genial, approachable, and is eminently fitted for the position he is now seeking at the hands of the voters.

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Mission San Jose possesses a Chamber of Commerce which takes an active interest in promoting the interests of the town.

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It has ever been a matter of pride with the residents of Washington Township that the public schools are the best to be found in any like territory.

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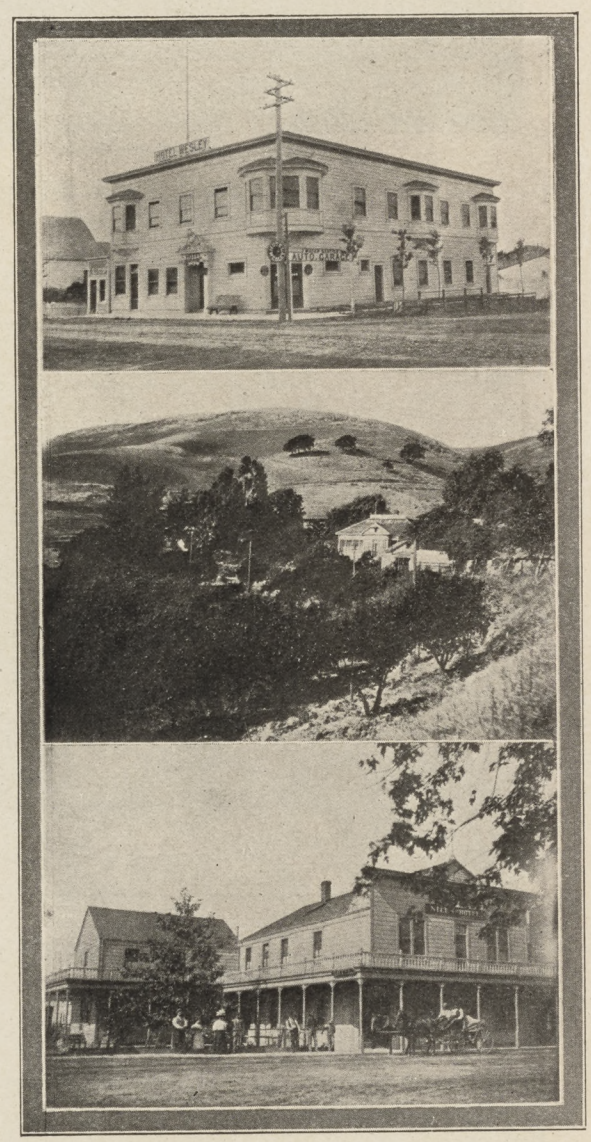
You can find the fig and vine on nearly all the home places in Washington Township.

HOTEL WESLEY.

Located near the Southern Pacific station at Niles is the Hotel Wesley, and Mr. Frank N. Orpin, the proprietor, a well known hotel man, is there to receive his guests.

The finest of accommodations and the best of service is assured with Mr. Orpin in personal supervision. He is known the State over as one of the best, and for several years he owned Hotel Rafael, at San Rafael, California.

Automobile parties are especially invited to call at Hotel Wesley. A garage is at their disposal. Special rates for weekly boarders. If in need of a change, telephone Main 25, Niles, and make your arrangements.



THE BELVOIR HOTEL.

Nestled in the hills close to Niles is the Belvoir Hotel. Surely a beauty spot could not be found more conveniently located than the selection made for this hotel. Mrs. G. E. Chittendon makes a specialty of the table and up-to-date accommodations. Families, commercial men and auto parties are welcome.

As a summer resort this hotel is excellent. Away from fog and wind, close to San Francisco and Oakland, with accommodations that compare favorably with those of any other resort in California, the Belvoir Hotel is entitled to your consideration.

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the mountains. Through the center of the park Stoney Brook, a clear, cool trout stream, runs over the rocks and pebbles on its way to join the larger stream. The brook is well stocked with trout, and fishing, in season, is one of the attractions of the place. There is good hunting in the vicinity, deer having very recently been found in near proximity to the park. It is an ideal place for camping parties. The excellence of railroad facilities provide quick and comfortable means of transportation. The new county road, recently completed, will add further to the attractions of the place, and make it available as both a winter and a summer resort.

NEW BAKERY FOR TOWNSHIP.

Niles is the home of a new industry that bids fair to fill a long-felt want for Washington Township. Mr. G. O. Darrow has opened up a first class bakery in the Connors building.

Modern ovens and capable help, with the best of materials, will call for the support of all who are interested in the advancement of this section.

Mr. Darrow is from the State of Washington, and for several months past he has been looking over different fields, and found here the one that best suited him for the present and future. He has installed his first oven, with a capacity of 1000 loaves of bread every ten hours. It is called the German-French Oven, and is exactly like the one installed at the Pacific Hotel, San Francisco.

Sanitary bread pans will be used entirely in the output of the Niles Bakery, and the pies and cakes will be of the best. Mr. Darrow says that from now on you will be able to buy home products, from buns to cream puffs.

The furnishings are of the best quality, and the show cases and shelving are finished in dark mahogany. An ice cream and soda parlor in connection will be another inducement offered, and the candies handled will be the purest and best.

A visit to this new enterprise and a trial of the goods will make you a home trader.

EDWARD M. RITTER.

Candidate for the Assembly.

Mr. Edward M. Ritter of Sunol is being advanced by his many friends for the position of

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nominee of the Republican party as Assemblyman from the Firty-sixth District. The district in which he lives believes that it is necessary that representation be allowed them, and they are strongly advancing the home man's candidacy. Mr. Ritter has many friends in Washington Township, and it is expected that much support will come to his candidacy from Eden Township as well.

Mr. Ritter was born in Logansport, Indiana, in 1875, and was educated at the Indiana University. He joined the army and went to the Philippines and spent a year and a half in the Islands. Upon his return he located in San Francisco, and in 1902 was admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court of California and the United States Courts, and has since continued the practice of law.

After the fire in San Francisco he purchased property at Sunol, built a house thereon, and has resided there continuously ever since. He has taken very little part in politics, except in San Francisco, to oppose Abe Ruef. He was a member of the Republican Convention in 1906 which nominated John Partridge, the Republican candidate for Mayor of San Francisco. His standing in the community was shown by the fact that he was placed at the head of the primary ticket in that hotly contested primary fight, as the records in San Francisco will show.

In connection with the Niles Canyon boulevard, he was appointed on the special committee with J. B. Barnard of Niles and Thomas Silvia of Pleasanton. The committee took representatives of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Exchange and other organizations over the proposed route, and assisted Supervisor Horner in many ways in securing the appropriations necessary to construct the road.

He has been secretary of the Sunol Improvement Club since its organization three years ago, and has always taken an active part in all matters pertaining to the welfare of this community. He is popular, and capable of filling the office with credit to himself and his constituents.

Niles Canyon is one of nature's pleasure resorts. This beautiful canyon cuts thru the Coast Range and extends from Pleasanton to Niles, and in indescribably beautiful. A good driveway thru the canyon is now being made, which, when completed, will be a source of never-ending pleasure.

Niles has one of the most equable climates of the world. During the hot season of summer the daily sea breeze tempers the climate, and in winter the moisture laden winds from the ocean raise the temperature so that all the year round the climate is delightfully temperate and invigorating.

The chief products of Washington Township are walnuts, almonds, prunes, figs, apricots, oranges, lemons, grapes, berries, wheat, corn, barley, alfalfa, sugar beets, and celery. The land is the finest agricultural land in the world. There has been no desert to reclaim, no irrigation problem to solvve.

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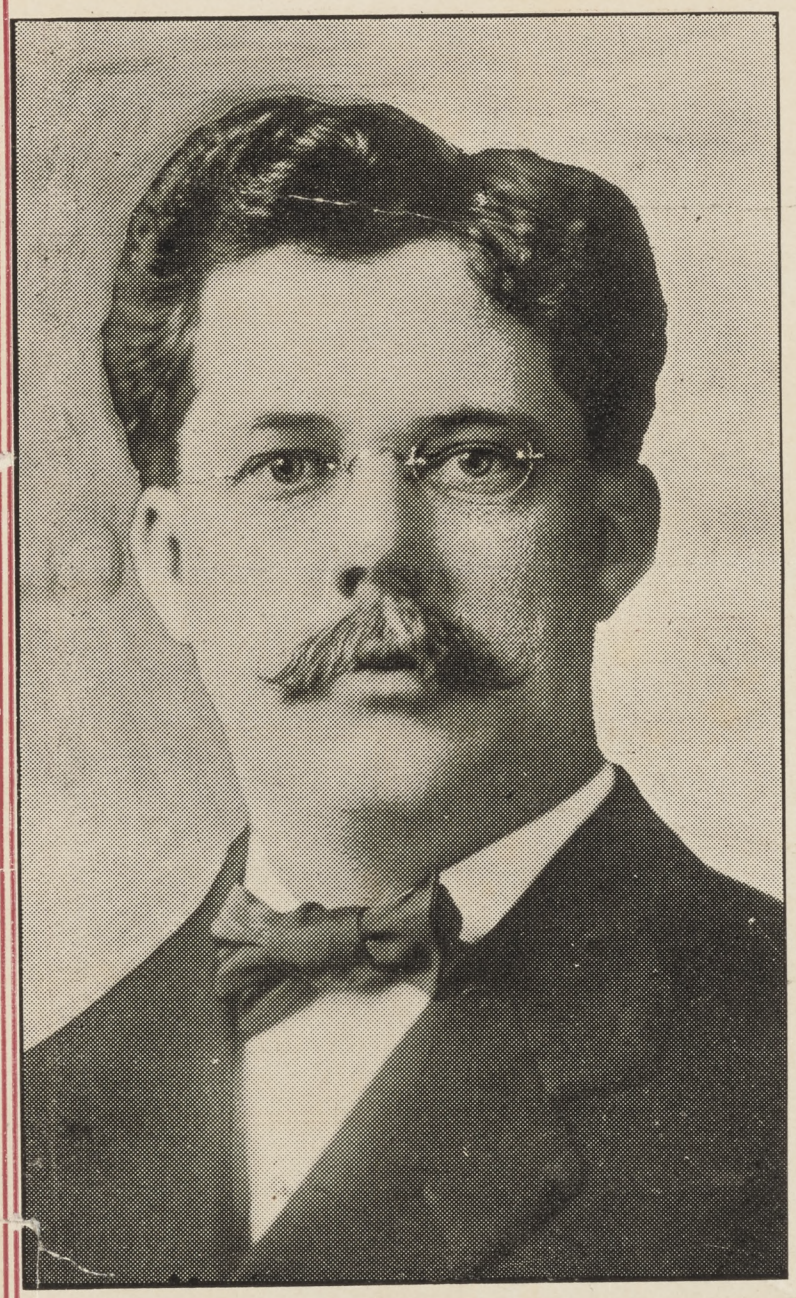

WILLIAM H. DONAHUE.

District Attorney for Alameda County.

The Hon. William H. Donahue, who represents Alameda County as prosecuting officer, is well known to every voter in Washington Township. He was born in Mission San Jose on February 13, 1870, and was graduated from Washington College, Irvington, in May, 1891.

Mr. Donahue later attended the University of California, but finances interfered with his educational career at this point and he did not have the opportunity to complete his course. He next took up teaching, and studied law in all his spare moments.

In December, 1898, Mr. Donahue was admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court of California, and on January 1, 1899, resigned the principalship of the Pleasanton Public Schools to form a law partnership with Judge T. W. Harris.

Mr. Donahue became District Attorney in September, 1908, and will this year come before the voters for their consideration again. He seeks to be reinstated as District Attorney of Alameda County, and his record for capability and honesty calls for the support of every good citizen. Washington Township will assist to increase the vote for its favorite son

JOHN P. COOK.

County Clerk of Alameda County.

One of the best known and most liked men in Alameda County is John P. Cook, the County Clerk. Still, there may be a few voters who are not personally acquainted with Mr. Cook and his record.

Mr. John P. Cook is 40 years of age, is married, and has three children. He lives on the Lake Shore Boulevard. He is a Native Son and is prominent in many fraternal organizations. He is a graduate of the University of California, and could pass a law examination at a moment's notice.

He has been County Clerk for eight years and was Chief Deputy for four years. Under his supervision are twenty-two regular deputies. His administration is endorsed by the Attorneys' Association as the best in the State.

Mr. Cook is also, by virtue of his office,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
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